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the 1990s, the number of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia has increased in the United Kingdom (Meltzer 1996). The prevalence of schizophrenia in the United Kingdom is estimated to be 1.2% (Meltzer 1996).

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the lives of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. The United Kingdom has a number of government departments and agencies that are responsible for the care of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. The Department of Health is responsible for the overall policy and strategy for the care of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. The Department of Social Security is responsible for the provision of social security benefits to people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. The Department of the Environment is responsible for the provision of housing to people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. The Department of Transport is responsible for the provision of transport services to people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. The Department of Education is responsible for the provision of education services to people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia.

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Individuality



Displaying his Pirate Pride, Senior Vincent Ligon mimics the swashbuckling ways of a bona fide buccaneer. Ligon sailed to school dressed up in costume for Halloween. "I wanted to be crazy and go all out for Merrillville. I wanted to be all piratey," said Ligon.

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One of the featured soloists at the choir's Fall Concert, Senior NaQuita Elmore performs her rendition of the song, "If I Can't Love Her." Although Elmore has only been involved with the choir for one year, she attributed her voice to the early beginnings she had with music. She said, "I have been singing since I was about four or five. I love singing, especially in church."

To gain possession of the ball, Junior Edward Barcenas (10) and Senior Tim Jelinek (11) go up against Lake Central's Jake Freizinger (23). "I was going up for a 50-50 ball," said Barcenas. With the home advantage, the Indians defeated the Pirates by a score of 2-0.



Transformed as a vampire, Orchestra Director Mr. John Bradford introduces the next song at the Fall Concert. The Halloween costumes were a first for the Fall Concert. "The audience enjoyed it," said Senior cello player Michael Finchum. "It hyped us up."



To complete their lab, Sophomore Wen Qiao Chen, Freshmen Cody Stewart and Mark Bobowski work together in Mr. Joe Atria's 4th hour biology class. The lab tested for nutrients such as sugar, starches, proteins and fats in various kinds of food. Mr. Atria explained that the lab is "very useful for nutritional value."

At a Glance

Individuality. We all have it. Some individuals exhibit it more than others, but it still exists in us all.

How do individuals define themselves? They express their individuality through numerous channels. Some choose fashion, while others choose books. Some are destined for athletic glory, while others find a home on the stage. Some demonstrate individuality by lending a helping hand. Others chart their courses through clubs and activities. Any paths they follow open the doors to self-discovery.

As you take a peek inside the friendly confines of Merrillville High School, take notice at the different expressions that create individuality in us all.



Exploding with laughter, Junior Ashley Thomas tries to keep her balance in the giant Twister competition during the Homecoming Goofy Games. Though Thomas did not win, she said, "I had tons of fun. It was hard to keep my balance because there were so many people trying to use the same dots." Senior Alexandra Garritano went on to win the giant Twister competition, which helped the seniors take the lead in the Goofy Game competition.

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TV

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Pastimes



cars

boyfriends

girlfriends

hot spots

friends

jobs

movies

hobbies



Front Row: Seniors Katie Spallaras and Danielle Nikrin; Second Row: Junior Kanyia Westbrook, Marissa Delcan, Hannah Frey and Freshman Camone Kinsey; Third Row: Sophomore Michael Cates, Jeff Beason and Junior Colt Contreras; Back Row: Seniors Andrew Pittt, Gina Angott, Steven Lanes II, Kristy Polster and Sophomore Michael Matsey

Shoes



Ugg Boots

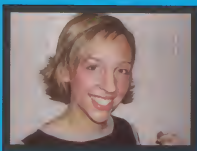


Timberland Boots

Hair



Explaining the legacy of his curly Afro, Senior Robert Gonzalez takes a trip down memory lane. "Growing up in the hood was hard. Everyone around me had 'fros and it was so embarrassing having a fresh fade," said Gonzalez. "So one night I had a dream that I grew my 'fro out, and the next morning I decided to never cut my hair again and let the 'fro drape."

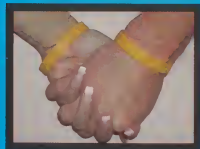


With her short and trendy hairstyle, Junior Cambria Hollingsworth expresses her individuality. Commenting on her hair, Hollingsworth said, "I've always had my hair the same color and style. One day I decided I just wanted something different."

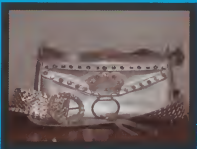


"I like being original," said Senior Trevor Vogwill. Demonstrating true individualism, Vogwill displays his hand with pride.

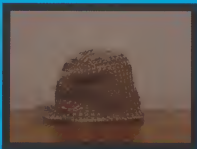
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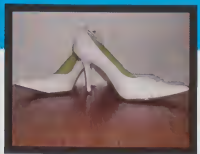
Students often sport the yellow Livestrong Band. Through the distribution of yellow Livestrong Bands, the The Lance Armstrong Foundation has raised money for cancer research. The cost per band is \$1 and all proceeds go directly to the cancer research fund.



Several girls dress up their outfits with belts and purses to create a more stylish look. Rhinestones and metallic colors are a popular way to add a little shine and turn a few heads.



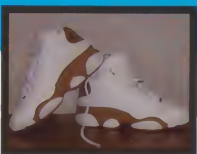
A hot seller among teens, the beanie has transformed its look. It takes the look of a classic skull cap and adds a bill to give it a little flare.



Polka-toed High Heels



Chuck Taylor Sneakers
Photos by Kristy Polster, Katie Spallaras and Giolas



Jordan Shoes

Express Yourself

Fashionably

Junior Shannon Frey

Individualistic

Seniors Steven Lares II and Gina Angotti

Metalheads

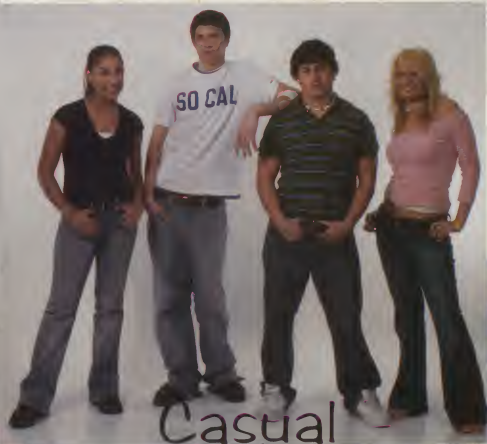
Junior Manuel Riveron Jr., Senior David Underhill and Freshman Joshua Porter

Sporty

Different



Junior Lewis Miller and
Senior Danielle Nikrin



Sophomore
Jeff
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Marissa
Duncan and
Sophomore
Michael,
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That's Friends



Mr. James Stamper and Mr. Tom Beebe



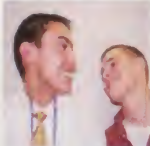
Seniors Jim Reitz and Dave Plascencia



Junior Callie Lucas and Jessica Francis



Junior LaStar Jackson and Senior Eric Robinson



Senior Kristopher Simonovski and Junior Matthew Bratz



Sophomores Eric Williams, Rishoberto Zambrano and Michael Gates

Four years of friendship have made Seniors Wala Issa, Kiera Shelton, Shakiya Wiley, Ineke McMillan, Adalya Moore, Laguna Williams, Stephanie Neville and Candice Wright close. They sit together at lunch. The girls enjoy each other's company and joke around when they take a break from their favorite activity: eating. Moore said, "We like to eat. We go to a football game and then we go to eat. We go to a movie and then we go eat."



In the Small Theatre, Junior Joseph Mireles, Senior Jenni Festa, Junior Derek Midkiff, Seniors Amber Jimenez, Michael Fincham, Amanda Degard and Alexandra Garritano, Sophomore Michael Cameron and Freshmen Jessica Myren and Alexandra McLaughlin, come together everyday to review scripts. Garritano said, "We spend so much time working on our plays together, I guess we just become friends outside of school too."

What Are For



Looking out for their friend, Seniors Milorad Thkija, Douglas Kurczynski, Robert Gonzalez, Kevin Marsh, Alex Gates and Eric Guajardo fix up Senior Tim Bugno before class. These guys understand the importance of friendship. Marsh said, "Friends, I love my friends because when my refrigerator is empty, I can depend on them and they always have my back."



Seniors Sean Kinsey and Michael Neal



Mr. John Jennings and Mr. Mike Krutz



Sophomores Melissa Durang and Madeline Goveet



Juniors Eric Freeman and Nathan Chandler



Juniors Asia Carter and Jarryn Robinson
and Sophomore Shannon Williams



Seniors Mark Wieneke and Ronnie Pedrosa

Couples



Sophomores Drew Dawson and Yvette Guzman, together since May 2003, keep their relationship alive by enjoying each other's unique humor, being faithful and talking out their problems. The future looks even brighter for these two. Guzman said, "I see us together, even closer than we are now." Dawson predicted, "We will be high school sweethearts."



Standing at 6'4", Senior Jim Reitz meets his 5'2" 1/2 girlfriend, Senior Alyssa Ziller, at her locker. After three years, the couple finds they have "everything" in common. They enjoy going out to dinner, watching movies and pranking friends. Both agree that the best part of having a significant other is always having someone there for them.

All You Need

Pick-up



Garbage, music, movies, eating and... Freshman Drew Dawson is picking up his relationship with Yvette Guzman. Dawson said, "I see us together, even closer than we are now." Dawson predicted, "We will be high school sweethearts."



Jim Reitz and Alyssa Ziller are Fidgety about their relationship. In a recent Fidgety interview, they break from holding up things up, so they can tell the world they have a great relationship. Reitz said, "I see us together, even closer than we are now." Ziller predicted, "We will be high school sweethearts."

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Drooling on his pirate planner, Sophomore Daniel Dwyer takes a nap during his free time. Dwyer enjoys being single because, "I can sleep instead of talk." While playing football for both the Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams, Dwyer said, "I don't have enough time for a girl because I'm involved in so much stuff." He described his single life as "easy."



Quiet giggles are heard as Junior Ashley Thomas gossips on her cell phone. Thomas enjoys being single because, "You can talk to whoever you want and you're not tied down to one person." In her free time, Thomas spends time with her friends and "does whatever she wants."

Stinking of livestock manure, Junior Daniel Nieman II takes a break after working in the field. Working approximately 4-8 hours per week in the summer and between 10 and 20 during the school year, Nieman obtained the job because "it's in the family business." He explained, "I like farming because I get to work outside and I get to do something new everyday." Nieman said he makes roughly \$2300, and "Almost all of my money goes to the bank and then to college." Regarding the stench of manure, Nieman replied, "I'm used to it."



As he walks a dog at the Four Season's Animal Hospital, Senior Thomas Slivka demonstrates his concern for animals. "I

want to go into veterinary medicine," Slivka said. Being a kennel worker, Slivka has the opportunity to learn about his desired profession. "If I get to work early enough, the doctor lets me observe the surgery he is performing, and he explains the process to me along the way," Slivka explained. Slivka is occupied with walking and feeding the animals, giving them their medicine and cleaning up after them. He regularly tends to dogs, cats and rabbits.

"I just like being there to take care of the sick animals," Slivka stated.



Unique Jobs



Because she has to deliver newspapers for the *Post-Tribune*, Senior Melissa Borom wakes up every morning at 2:30 a.m. After she folds the papers and packages them in red plastic bags, she delivers them on her route in the Miller Elementary School area. She chose this job because no one else was hiring, and all other jobs would conflict with her basketball schedule. Melissa enjoys her job. She said, "I don't interact with people and I don't have to worry about anyone asking 'Can I have an extra fry?' or 'Can you hook up my value meal?'"

"It's a fun thing to do. They could use some more (volunteer firefighters)," said volunteer firefighter Jason Mitchell, senior. He became interested in firefighting when his friend told him about it. Mitchell said that despite the occasional interruption while hanging out with friends, he is always on call. Because he is a student, they do not call him later than 9 p.m. Mitchell said he hopes the experience will help him become a firefighter in the future.



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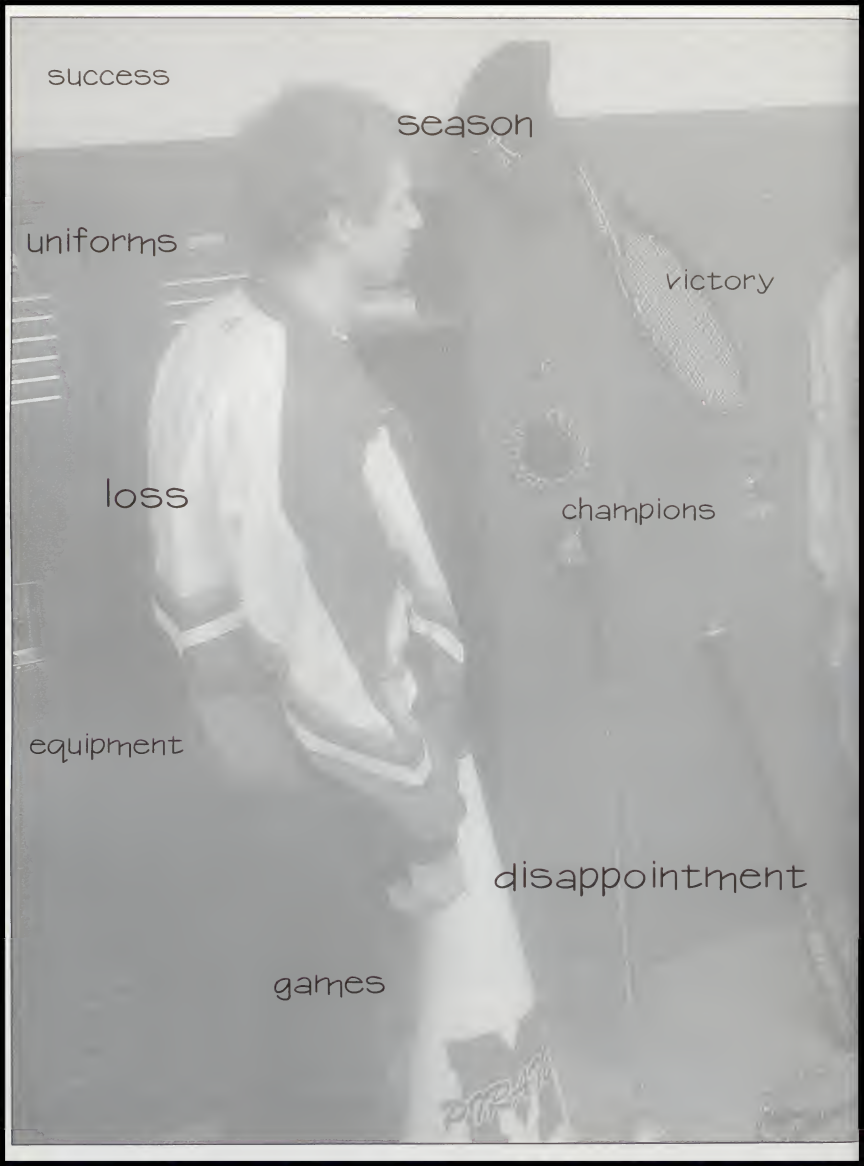
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DEFEATS AND CONQUESTS



practices

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teams

tryouts

triumph

Sophomore Matthew Douglas, Juniors Cedric Von Rambert Jr., Denise Coleman and Senior Joseph Furevich

Photo by Giolas

Boys' Cross GOES THE



In full stride, Senior Matthew Crane sprints across the finish line in the race against Crown Point. "We've worked really hard this season and I think we finally came together as a team," he said. The strenuous practices and competitions helped Crane develop a consistent pace. In his four years experience, Crane has developed as a strong runner, excelling in shorter distances. "Matt inspires me to run because he is always cracking jokes to make sure we aren't being too serious," said Senior Brett Skorupa. Crane's low times set him in the top five on the team.



After running a demanding race against Crown Point, Senior Brett Skorupa takes a well-deserved break. "Brett really stepped up as a team leader this year," said Coach Mike Hoffman. Having a cross-country coach for a father helped Brett develop his running over the past seven years. "I've always loved to run and I just wanted one last good season to remember," said Skorupa. Skorupa's strength as a consistently good runner helped the team reach their goal of semi-state this year. "Everyone finally managed to do well on the same day," he said.

18 Defeats And Conquests



Keeping one step ahead of his Chesterton opponent Mike Moorehouse, freshman Kyle Shockey races for the win. This was Shockey's first year running cross country, and he improved greatly. Shockey said, "Now I'm more able to run long distances. Before I could hardly run half a mile." Shockey said he likes to run because it is a simple sport that only takes hard work to achieve goals. "The team raced their best in bad weather. We stayed strong when everyone else gave up," said Shockey. Shockey said he plans to improve over the next few years and add strength to the team. "I'm very persistent and I finish all of the workouts to the best of my ability," he said. With the inspiration of Coach Mike Hoffman and teammate Justin Floyd, Shockey was able to run strong races and contribute to the team going to semi-state.



Glancing back to see who is in his tracks, Senior Andrew Caruana makes his way around a hairpin turn in Chesterton. The team's new summer conditioning program and harder workouts helped them improve as a whole. Caruana's solid times and consistency placed him among the top three runners. He said, "I have a lot of finishing speed. I've won a lot of races because I've out-sprinted them in the end."

COUNTRY DISTANCE

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
N. Meadow Creek		4th of 7
T.F. South Invite		4th of 13
Chesterton / Michigan City	W / W	18-40 / 19-38
Rensselaer Central		6th of 22
Crown Point	L	21-38
New Prairie		24th of 33
Portage / Lake Central	L / L	15-50 / 20-41
Highland Invite		8th of 20
LaPorte/Valparaiso	L / L	27-30 / 17-46
Hobart Invite		7th of 12
DAC Var/JV		7th of 8
Sectional		4th of 11
Regional		5th of 10
Semi-State		9th of 15

STANDOUTS

Most Improved

Sportsmanship

Leadership

Most Valuable Player

Ray Duttweiler

Kevin Wilson

Justin Floyd

Andrew Caruana



Catching up to Chesterton runners Matt Osborne and Adam Martin, Junior Justin Floyd rounds the cone in Chesterton. Floyd said his good attitude and experience helped him to lower his times and reach semi-state this season. Running 55-60 miles a week helped keep the team quick and strong. Having eight years experience gave Floyd the opportunity to lead by example and encourage the team to reach their goals. "I love cross-country," said Floyd. "It's awesome." While he did not achieve his goal of going to state this season, Floyd will be back again next year to make a second attempt. Floyd was placed among the top three runners at Merrillville.

Photos by Golas

Using his last ounce of strength, Junior Sean Rose sprints to the finish in the meet against Crown Point. Rose raced on the varsity team for the first time this season and added a "sense of strength" to the team. Finding inspiration in the Led Zeppelin song "Stairway to Heaven," Rose gave his best effort in practices and in meets. "I love the feeling when you cross the finish line," he said. Staying strong in the home stretch was the team's greatest strength, Rose said. Hard work and determination helped Rose and the team achieve this season's goals. "I wanted to be the best runner I could be this season," he said.

GIRLS' CROSS REACHES



Taking in some air, Arielle Anderson, sophomore, competes in the two and a half mile event. "Arielle was one of the strongest and fastest runners. If it wasn't for her, we wouldn't have made it," said teammate Chaquilla Tucker. For some team bonding, the girls dined at Olive Garden Restaurant.



As she pushes herself, Senior Dana Bolden runs with a back injury. Teammate Sarra Kwell said, "She was our spiritual leader. She would make us say a little prayer." Bolden participated in cross country to strengthen her endurance for the track season. In cross country, the top five individual scores combine to formulate the team score.

20 Defeats And Conquests



Running side by side, Freshman Britney Curry and Senior Chaquilla Tucker compete at the Chesterton meet. Tucker's season goal was to make varsity and not quit. Being her first year in the sport, Tucker received the award for Most Improved Runner. Even though Curry started the season late, she competed in the last few meets.



"My goal was to be one of the top seven and to be on the varsity team to run for sectionals," said Senior Candice Wright. The first-year runner achieved her goal and considered this season a good experience. Her favorite meet was at Highland, where she ran her personal best for the two and a half mile in 17:54. The Pirates placed eighth in the DAC.

COUNTRY TEAM REGIONALS

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Gavit Invite		8th of 10
T.F. South		8th of 13
Michigan City	L	21-36
Chesterton	L	16-49
Rensselaer Invite Jr/Sr		4th of 6
Crown Point	L	15-50
New Prairie Invite		33rd
Portage	L	15-50
Lake Central	L	15-50
Highland Invite		7th of 20
LaPorte	L	29-31
Valparaiso	L	15-50
Sectional		5th of 12

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Sportsmanship
Leadership
Most Valuable Player

Chaquilla Tucker
Dana Bolden
Raquel Guerrero
Jessica Boursier



Considered a leader by her teammates, Senior Sarra Kwell is determined to achieve her best. "I knew what would motivate them, how to get them going," she said. Kwell started running cross country during her freshman year. The team finished the season by placing eighth at regionals.

Girls' Cross Country 21

Just one stride behind Freshman Jessica Boursier, Chantrice Cade, freshman, paces herself. "Chantrice is fun and energetic," said teammate Dana Bolden. Coach Bobi Cole awarded Boursier with MVP. The first year runner achieved her best time, 17:30, for the two and a half mile run at sectionals. At sectionals, the team placed 5th out of 12 teams to advance to regionals.

Photos by Giolas

GOING FOR



The Pirates midfielder, Junior Akinjide Akinrinade (6), leaps over Michigan City's goalie, John Fettig, after dribbling the ball to the goal. With more than ten years of experience and good knowledge of the game,

Akinrinade was a key player and contributed nine goals. Even though the season did not go as well as he hoped, Akinrinade said, "We can use this season as a building block for next year."



Racing his Michigan City opponent to the ball, Freshman Daniel Prentoski (21) attempts to complete a play. Prentoski spent his time alternating between varsity and junior varsity. He made many contributions to the team as a "spark plug off the bench," said Coach Brian Past. Coach Past said he was proud of his team's progress this year against state ranked teams.



Senior Sahson Karimji (9) attempts to score a goal. Karimji was plagued by an injury this season as he suffered a mild tear in his hamstring. After being out for six games, he quickly stepped up by adding seven assists to help his team when he returned. "He exemplified great leadership by being captain this year. He also became a more complete player," said Coach Brian Past.



Playing aggressively, Sophomore Aleksandar Risteovski (2) dribbles the ball to the goal. He worked successfully with teammate Junior Edward Barcenas in the midfield position this year. Both completed productive passing sequences across the field. Coach Brian Past said one of the team's weaknesses this season was its youth and lack of experience, although they did play every game with a lot of heart.

THE GOAL

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Hobart	W	1-0
Andrean	L	2-0
LaPorte	W	1-0
FW Snider	L	4-0
Chesterton	L	2-1
Evansville Memorial	L	1-0
Columbus East	W	2-1 (OT)
Western Reserve	W	3-2
Valparaiso	L	3-1
West Lafayette	W	2-0
Michigan City	W	4-1
Hobart	T	1-1
Crown Point	W	4-1
Harrison	W	3-2
Layfayette Jefferson	T	1-1
Lake Central	L	2-0
Andrean	L	1-0
Portage	L	4-3
Munster	L	3-2
Andrean (Sectionals)	L	2-1 (OT)

STANDOUTS

Most Improved	Joseph Wing
Sportsmanship	Richard Reddick III
Leadership	Tim Jelinek
Most Valuable Player	Tim Jelinek



Michigan City's midfielder, Tyler Stahl, challenges co-captain, Senior Tim Jelinek (11), for the ball. As sweeper, he is the last line of defense in defending the goal. "This year was a lot better than the last. Younger guys had to step up because of our harder schedule," said Jelinek. Jelinek led the team's defensive effort and set an example for his younger teammates.

All eyes are on Junior Bryan Ruder (3) as he jumps midair to complete a header pass during the Michigan City game. As sweeper, Ruder was an important asset to the team's defense as he protected the goal area.

COACH LOOKS FOR YOUNG



Kicking the ball away from her opponent, Junior Sarah Vaughn (9) focuses on keeping control of the ball. Vaughn, who has been playing on the varsity team for three years, said she likes to play soccer because of the "excitement." Senior teammate Kimberly Jansen said, "Sarah will take on some leadership next year being a returning key player." Vaughn's goals for next year are "to play more positions and to win more games," she said.



Keeping her eye on the ball, Sophomore Kacey Loudermilk (11) hopes to score a goal. Loudermilk cited her strengths as passing and communication, but said, "I need to work on shooting." The team works well together, she said, "because everyone pulls their own weight." Loudermilk said all they need is time to improve. "We're a young team, so with time we'll improve."

24 Defeats And Conquests



Practicing before a big game, Junior Emily Czekala (12) and Freshman Katie Balko (4) work on passing. Balko said she enjoys playing soccer "because it teaches you how to use your time wisely, to have fun and to stay focused. Balko would like to see the team "practice more together during the off-season," while Czekala believes they "need to work on getting the ball to the goal."



Even Chesterton's Heather Banghart (8) is no match for Junior Alison Conquest (15) as she darts toward the goal. Conquest scored seven goals this season, giving her the most goals on the team. "Experience gives you a field intuition," said Conquest. Coach Jeff Fairbairn and several teammates said Conquest will likely be a source of leadership next year.

TO FUTURE TEAM

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Andrean Jamboree	T	
Elkhart Central	L	1-0
LaPorte	L	2-1
Chesterton	L	1-0
Highland	L	5-2
Valparaiso	L	6-1
Andrean	L	5-1
Griffith	T	2-2
Michigan City	W	3-0
West Lafayette	L	5-0
Crown Point	L	3-0
Munster	L	6-0
Lake Central	L	3-0
Hobart	L	6-4
South Bend Riley Invite		
Northridge	W	4-0
Highland	L	8-2
Portage	L	5-0
Sectional (Hobart)	L	2-1

STANDOUTS

Most Improved	Katie Balko
Sportsmanship	Jackie Gurney
Leadership	Kimberly Jansen
Most Valuable Player	Kimberly Jansen



Launching the ball onto the field, Senior Kimberly Snelderwine (10) returns the ball to her teammates with enormous force. Snelderwine played varsity soccer for four years, and she was known for her tenacity and quick temper. Teammate Allison Conquest, junior, said, "Kim set the bar high for our next goalie. She'll be hard to replace." Off the field, she is described by teammate Emily Czekala, junior, as the "team mom." Snelderwine plans to continue playing soccer in college.

Playing keep-away, Chesterton's Danielle Luther (16) looks on as Senior Kimberly Jansen (13) attempts to gain control of the ball. Although she is a sweeper, she scored one goal this season. First year Coach Jeff Fairbairn and teammates heralded Jansen as the team leader. For next year's team, she advised that they "work toward team improvement rather than personal improvement." Jansen was awarded team honors as well as an honorable mention from The Post Tribune.

BOYS' TENNIS TEAM



With a grimace on his face, Freshman Wyatt Perkins returns a serve. Perkins took a big step from middle school to high school tennis this season. "As a freshman, Perkins performed well and made the transition quickly," said Coach Dave Zimmerman. Perkins played both doubles and singles throughout the season and helped the team where ever he was needed. Perkins, after his first year of tennis complete, is ready for a future in Merrillville Tennis.



Smashing an overhead to win a point, Drake Branda, Junior, helps the team get a victory. "Living up to my brother's expectations is hard, but I did the best I could filling his spot," Branda, whose brother Greg played for four years, made the 1st team All-District and Honorable Mention All-State teams this season.



"It was a fun year, and when we played to our potential we were good," said Junior Jared Perkins. Perkins mixed it up a lot this year playing both doubles and singles all season. "I played wherever the team needed me," said Perkins. Perkins is looking forward to next year's season.

WINS SECTIONAL



With perfect stature, Sophomore Stofko returns a volley for a winner. "Stofko's variety allowed him to be a well-rounded player," said Coach Dave Zimmerman. Playing doubles the whole year with multiple partners, Stofko found his match with Senior Daniel Burkus and together they advanced to the state finals in Indianapolis.

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Highland	L	4-1
Noblesville Tourney		3rd
LaPorte	W	3-2
Portage	W	3-2
Michigan City	L	5-0
Chesterton	L	3-2
Warsaw Tourney		5th
Lake Central	L	4-1
Andean	W	3-2
Valparaiso	L	5-0
MHS Invitational		8th
Hobart	W	5-0
Crown Point	W	3-2
Lowell	L	4-1
Munster	L	4-1
Sectional / Hobart	W	5-0
Sectional / Andean	W	3-2
Regional / Valparaiso	L	4-1

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Sportsmanship
Leadership
Most Valuable Player

Ashish Arshanapalli
Stofko
Drake Branda
Daniel Burkus



Hustling all over the court to win a point, Sophomore Ashish Arshanapalli strides for a low volley. "I worked really hard this season and plan to improve even more before next year," said Arshanapalli. With two years left for Arshanapalli, he is excited for the upcoming years.



The swinging southpaw. Sophomore Patrick Laorden hits a forehand to his defender. Laorden has advantages against right-handed players. "They are not used to the opposite spin I put on the ball," said Laorden. Laorden played JV and worked his way up to varsity, finding himself a secure spot for the season.

GIRLS TEE IMPROVED



Focusing on the ball, Julianne Fabian, senior, prepares for her drive. "My main focus this year was to do better than I've done before, and my goal for the team was to not come in last at sectionals," she said. Having four years of experience, Fabian helped in achieving that goal. Fabian received the Most Improved Award at the 2004 Fall Banquet.



On the green, Junior Angela East concentrates on her putting stroke. East worked very hard this year to improve her short game. "As a team we had a lot of fun this year," she said. As a returning letterman, East played a major role in the team's success. She played at the number four spot for the majority of the year.

28 Defeats And Conquests



Portage rivals watch as Junior Ashley Washburn hits the ball. "I think that our team did very good this year. Hopefully, we will get new freshmen next year because we are going to be losing a few seniors," she said. Washburn played at the number two position and helped the team to three victories. Washburn was awarded the MVP Award at the Fall Sports Banquet.



As she watches her ball fly through the air, Junior Elizabeth Lashenik follows through with the rest of her shot. "We really improved as a team from last year. I was really happy with how the season ended," she said. Lashenik was able to participate in many varsity matches in order to gain experience for next year.

OFF TO POST RECORD

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
KV Invite		12th
Boone Grove	L	205-238
Chesterton Toumey		8th
Bishop Noll	W	240-245
Lowell/N. Newton	W	215-224
Wheeler	L	219-227
Lake Central	L	201-244
Calumet/Munster	L	187-223
Portage	L	191-226
Andrean	W	238-256
LaPorte	L	174-258
Chesterton	L	195-237
Michigan City	L	199-247
Hobart/Wheeler	L	172-243
Crown Point	L	172-243
Valparaiso	L	168-248
Sectionals		5th

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Sportsmanship
Leadership
Most Valuable Player

Julianne Fabian
Megan Frasca
Katie Coleman
Ashley Washburn



With her head down, Senior Megan Frasca connects with the ball. "Making good shots from the fairway was one of my main goals this year. Overall, I am happy with the outcome of the season," she said. Playing at the number one position, Frasca lead the team to three victories and a fifth place finish in sectionals. Frasca won the Mental Attitude Award at the Fall Banquet.

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Preparing for her putt, Junior Ashley Washburn concentrates on the ball. Next year Washburn will be a major player for the team. She has high hopes for the Girls' Golf Team in the future.

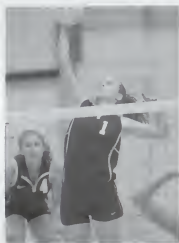


Following through on her drive, Senior Katie Coleman watches her ball soar down the fairway. "I was really happy with the outcome of our season," she said. With only one year of experience, Coleman decided to rejoin the team her senior year. She was able to pull through for the Pirates in their three wins.

HEATING UP



In an attempt to score, Junior Erica Aloia (3) serves the ball to the other team. "We had a lot of heart and we played hard as a team," said Aloia. While the season was not as successful as they hoped, the girls did not get discouraged. "We had a lot of learning to do, but it prepared us for the next year," added Aloia.



With Sophomore Lauren Hallenbeck (4) backing her up, Senior Brittany Huish (1) spikes the ball, scoring a point for the Pirates. Huish had to step up as the only senior. The team suffered a big loss after the loss of several varsity seniors last season. "We worked well as a team and had good chemistry all year," said Huish. "We all pushed each other and play as well as we can."

30 Defeats And Conquests



Pumped up for the game, the team runs out of the locker room ready to play. "We always play with heart, desire and determination," said Senior Brittany Huish. "All of the girls really stepped up this season," added Junior Callie Lucas. The girls had a record of 12-21 and 2-12 in the DAC. They lost to Chesterton in the first round of sectionals, 3-1.



Diving to save the ball, Freshman Lisa Saberniak (14) prevents Crown Point from scoring. "Crown Point has always been a big rival of ours because they are a major rival for every sport," said Junior Callie Lucas. The Pirates defeated Crown Point 3-2 both times they faced the Bulldogs.

THE COURT

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Griffith	W	3-0
Lowell	W	3-1
LaPorte Tourney		2 for 2
Andean	W	3-2
Crown Point	W	3-2
Lake Central	L	0-3
Chesterton	L	2-3
Valparaiso	L	0-3
LaPorte	L	0-3
Michigan City	L	0-3
Portage	L	1-3
Crown Point	W	3-2
Lake Central	L	0-3
Chesterton	L	0-3
Valparaiso	L	0-3
Terry White Invite		2 for 2
LaPorte	L	0-3
Michigan City	L	0-3
Highland Invite		1 and 2
Portage	L	1-3
Plymouth	L	1-3
Sectionals	L	1-3

STANDOUTS

Most Improved	Stephanie Pavlish
Sportsmanship	Lauren Hallenbeck
Leadership	Brittany Huish
Most Valuable Player	Erica Aloia



"Out!" screams Juniors Callie Lucas (8) and Erica Aloia (3) as they let their teammates know the ball is out-of-bounds. "We all encouraged each other. We were our own personal cheerleaders," said Lucas. "Getting through tryouts and team camp really helped us bond as a team."

Photos by Giolas



Celebrating a successful play, Sophomore Lauren Hallenbeck (4) and Freshman Lisa Saberniak (14) congratulate each other. The girls said they owe a lot of their success to their coach. "Coach Price really pushed us and told us there was no pressure. She told us to do the best we can," said Junior Erica Aloia.

RETURN



After an interception, safety Bart Woodward (6), senior, sprints down the sidelines. Woodward led the defense this season with eight interceptions. Coach Jeff Yelton said, "He's a field general and does a tremendous job of reading the quarterback. He's a big play player."



Because he often faced double teams and rollbacks away from his side, senior defensive end Michael Neal (92) had to work harder this year to get tackles. During the Pirates only regular season loss, Neal tracks down Crown Point quarterback Matt Jansen. "After the Crown Point game we realized we had to drop the egos and come together," said Neal. Although his career with the Pirates is over, Neal earned a football scholarship at Purdue University.



"It is just a matter of wanting to catch the ball," said senior wide receiver Jim Reitz. Leaping in the end zone, Reitz (3) hauls in a pass over defensive back Byron Hurt (23) of Michigan City. In the red zone, Reitz was one of Evan Parker's favorite targets because of his 6' 4" frame. Coach Jeff Yelton stated, "When it's crunch time, he's the kid you want to go to because he'll make the play."



With protection from offensive lineman Dave Plasencia (57), senior, junior quarterback Evan Parker (10) steps up to fire a pass. Although he missed part of the Chicago Dunbar game and the first Crown Point game, Parker managed to lead the Pirates to an 11-2 record and a regional appearance. He finished the season with 19 passing touchdowns and 10 rushing touchdowns.

TO GLORY

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
East Chicago Central	W	42-13
Chicago Dunbar	W	49-0
Crown Point	L	7-3
Portage	W	29-14
Michigan City	W	48-17
LaPorte	W	17-7
Valparaiso	W	45-14
Lake Central	W	42-7
Chesterton	W	20-17
East Chicago Central (Sectionals)	W	50-19
Crown Point (Sectionals)	W	34-19
Portage (Sectionals)	W (3 OT)	44-38
Penn (Regionals)	L	31-0

STANDOUTS

Most Valuable Player	James Aldridge
Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman	Michael Neal
Most Outstanding Defensive Back/Linebacker	Bart Woodward
Most Outstanding Running Back/Wide Receiver	Jim Reitz
Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman	Brandon Jordan
Most Improved	Evan Parker
Mr. ZIP (Zeal, Inspiration and Perspiration)	Rayshon Richardson



Cutting through the hole, junior running back James Aldridge (23) leaves Jeremy Plummer (1) and three other Crown Point defenders in his tracks. Just before summer practices started, Aldridge moved from Florissant, Missouri, to Merrillville. He said, "I saw the stadium from I-65 and told my father I wanted to play there." Aldridge rushed for 2,067 yards and 20 touchdowns before an injury in the regional game against Penn.



Working together, senior cornerback Dennis Howell (5) and junior linebacker Ayodeji Macarthy (49) bring down Michigan City wide receiver Justin Milcarek (1). Howell earned the nickname "The Deacon" because of the inspiration and motivation he brought to the team. Howell mentioned that the team dinners, the trip to Bowling Green, and the coaches helped the players bond. Macarthy and the other linebackers battled throughout the year to overcome back injuries. "This was the closest I have ever been with my teammates," said Macarthy, "and it showed on the field."

SPLASHING IN THE



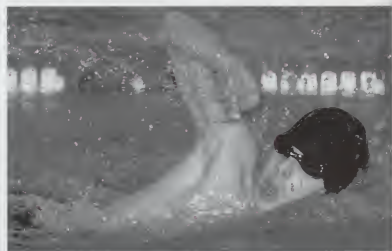
With a smile on his face, newcomer to the team, Junior Eric Miles, finishes his Freestyle race at the Crown Point meet. His 6'5" stature gave him an advantage over other swimmers. Miles said, "On my stroke I take half as much as everyone else." After three years in high school, Miles decided to join the team. His father had told him that "I look like one of the Canadians at the Olympics, and that most of my cousins swim."



Between his own races, Sophomore Christopher Smith counts laps for a teammate. Smith swam the 50 Freestyle and shaved off ten seconds from his original time of 38 seconds. Smith said, "Swimming helps with my endurance." Smith uses it as pre-season training for track. Before getting into the water to swim, he listened to a little Kanye West to get pumped up for the race.



A few pointers from his father help Freshman Ryan Marsh as he competes in the Breaststroke. Marsh joined swimming after finding out that his dad was a swimmer in high school. "Winning is the hard part. I just want to improve with each meet," said Marsh about his aspirations for the season. Even though Marsh said that swimming was harder than he expected, he plans to stick it out for all four years.



Swimming his best stroke, the Distance Freestyle, Sophomore Staten Stofko is one of the few returning members to the team. While the guys on the team work hard, they also joke around and give each other nicknames. Stofko, also known as "Gorilla," received his name from his enthusiastic way of cheering. He said, "I stand up on the block and do a little Tarzan." Willing to tell a couple of other names, Stofko shared, "We call Eric Miles 'Sandy' and Chris Burke 'Peaches.'" For the season, Stofko has goals of advancing to the finals of sectionals and improving his technique. He summed up the year by saying, "It is the beginning of something that will hopefully become something."

FAST LANE

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Portage	L	124-41
Rensselaer Central	L	110-70
Lake Central	L	152-28
Highland	L	122-52
Hobart	W	82-80
Crown Point	L	149-32
Griffith	L	124-57
Lowell	L	104-61
Valparaiso	L	143-37
Kankakee Valley	L	113-69
Michigan City	L	123-58
LaPorte	L	122-58
Munster	L	107-72
Chesterton	L	131-54

STANDOUTS

Most Improved

Donald Whittemore

Sportsmanship

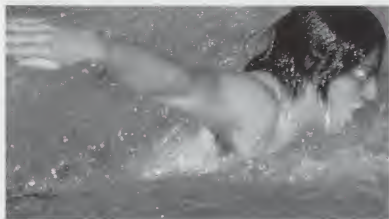
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Leadership

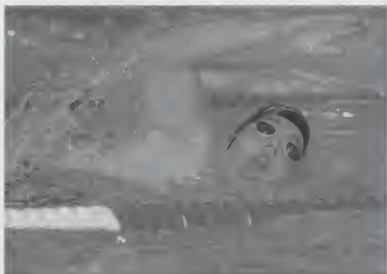
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Most Valuable Player

Scott Stephen

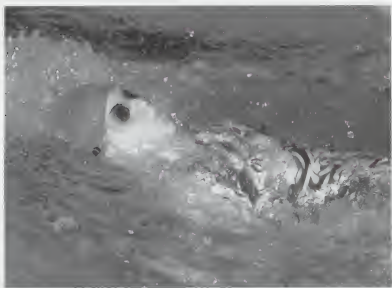


To build his strength, Junior Scott Stephen swims the Butterfly stroke without a cap. Stephen explained, "Most of the time I don't wear one." Practicing with his hair down makes Stephen have to swim harder in order to keep a good time, making him a stronger swimmer. Stephen has been on the Swim Team for three years and enjoys his teammates and coaches. "Coach Landrum uses reverse psychology, so I push myself to prove him wrong," said Stephen. Stephen has his mind set on progressing to the state finals. He said he will shave his head for the competition if he advances.

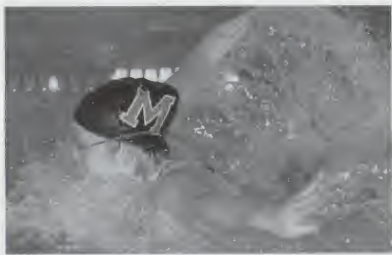


Taking in a deep breath as he swims, foreign exchange student Sebastian Van Wickem, senior, competes in Breaststroke. Van Wickem said his biggest competition is fellow teammate Ryan Marsh, who competes in the same category. "We are always competing for lane three, but me and Ryan are really even," said Van Wickem. There was no swimming team at Van Wickem's school in Germany, but he has swimming experience from his work as a lifeguard for four years. Van Wickem said, "I think I saved like two people, but it was nothing serious." He also shared that he enjoys the team and the coaches, but his favorite part is going out to eat after the meets.

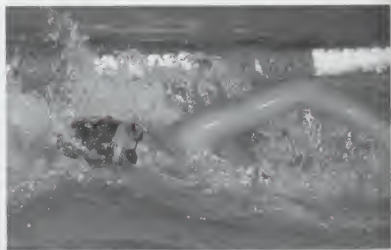
GIRLS' SWIMMING



No stranger to the pool, ten-year swimmer, Sophomore Ashlee Holland, competes in the 100 Backstroke. Holland has been swimming since the age of six. This season, Holland said her goals were simply to improve from the previous year. "I really wanted to do well in sectionals. As a team, we did a lot better," said Holland.



At a swim meet against rival Crown Point, Sophomore Barbara Swetlik swims the 100 Fly. Swetlik has been swimming for four years, since sixth grade, and she competes in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Fly. While this year was fulfilling for Swetlik, she said she has even higher hopes for next year. "I hope to drop time in my 100 Fly, and maybe be one of the team captains next year," she said. Throughout the season, the coaches and teammates provided encouragement for Swetlik by giving her helpful advice. "My coaches always tell me to find someone in my heat to race," said Swetlik. "My teammates cheer and give pep talks before events, which is helpful."



A first-year swimmer, Junior Chasity Burns, competes in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Burns also swims in the 50 Freestyle Relay and the 400 Freestyle Relay, all of which require heavy practice time. "We practice everyday, Monday through Saturday, for two and a half hours," said Burns. All of this practice time causes the team to become close friends, and they often hang out outside of practice. Since this is her first year swimming, Burns said she appreciated her teammates' support. When they told her that she was getting better and stronger, Burns said she was encouraged and pushed herself harder.

MAKES WAVES

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Lowell	L	95-88
Chesterton	L	141-43
Portage	W	93-90
Rensselaer Central	L	97-86
Lake Central	L	131-55
Highland	L	98-83
Hobart	W	116-55
Crown Point	L	110-76
Griffith	W	96-89
Valparaiso	L	133-48
Michigan City	L	96-89
LaPorte	L	112.5-73.5
Munster	L	139-47

STANDOUTS

Most Improved

Andrea Fortier

Sportsmanship

Nicole Olivares

Leadership

Laura Flynn

Most Valuable Player

Katie Balko



Racing to the finish, Sophomore Andrea Fortier competes in the 200 Freestyle Relay. This was Fortier's first year swimming and she said she had a lot to overcome. "It was hard. There are girls who are much more experienced, but I improved," said Fortier. Although Fortier did not move on after her first sectional, others on the team did. "Everybody goes to sectionals, but not everyone moves on. All the people we expected to do good did," said Fortier.



Vanessa Alexander, freshman, springs off the board and into the pool at a meet against Crown Point. "Vanessa has really stepped it up this year," said Captain Denise Burney, junior, of her teammate. "She did really well at sectionals, which is a lot to do as a freshman." Alexander and Burney used advice from their coaches to do well at meets. The coaches also gave the girls diving sheets, which contain instructions and tips about diving.

BOYS' BASKETBALL BOUNCES

With defenders surround him, Senior Dwayne Momon (52) tips the ball in for two points. Momon contributed the team's success this year to the bond they developed. Most of the team had been together since middle school, and they also spent time together at team dinners. Before games, they listened to music and joked around with one another. However, once the game began, Momon was focused and ready to go. He led the team in rebounds and blocked shots. Next year, Momon will attend Iowa Central Community College, a Division Two school, on a basketball scholarship.



Rising above the defense, Senior Dennis Howell (20) gets a shot in front of Andrean's Collin Smith (5). On defense, Howell always guarded the opposing team's best player. "I took the aggression from football and used it on the basketball court."

I felt like I could guard anybody," he said. Howell also said he tried to get the crowd involved in the game. "The crowd carries the team and keeps us going. The reason I gave people the pat was to keep the crowd in the game," he said. Next year, Howell will attend Saint Francis University to play both basketball and football.



As Senior Aaron Marcus (34) goes up for a rebound, he tips the ball away from Valparaiso's 6'6" Rob Hummel (4). At 6'3" Marcus was often the first big man off the bench. Most of the time, he had to guard players that were taller and heavier than he. "For me, that was the hardest part. It was tough playing them in the post, but it gave me more motivation to play better," said Marcus. Since the team lacked height, Marcus added that they had to use their speed and defense to win games.

TEAM BACK



STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Chesterton	W	82-70
LaPorte	L (OT)	63-58
Andean	L (OT)	64-61
Michigan City	W	70-48
Lake Central	W	60-55
Crown Point	W	67-53
Valparaiso	W	64-56
Portage	W	65-56
Highland	W	56-45
LaPorte	W	65-48
East Chicago Central	W	72-55
Lake Central	W	74-60
Michigan City	W	60-56
Boone Grove	W	75-65
Crown Point	W	47-45
Chesterton	W	69-60
Valparaiso	L	62-59
Hobart	W	73-52
Munster	W	71-63
Portage	W	78-54
Portage (Sectionals)	W	52-29
Valparaiso (Sectionals)	L	69-52

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Sportsmanship
Most Valuable Player

Dwayne Momon
Brandon Loudermilk
Joshua Mayo

During the Battle of Broadway, a showdown between the two teams from Merrillville, Senior Joshua Mayo (10) gets a shot off under heavy pressure from Andean's Tommy Finn (3). Along with the six other seniors on the team, Mayo had high hopes heading into the season.

Although the Pirates were knocked out during the second round of Sectionals, they were DAC co-champions and finished with an 15-4 record. When the game was on the line, the team and coaching staff often turned to Mayo for leadership. "Coach Scott called me out more than anyone, and my teammates often relied on me," said Mayo. Over the off-season, Mayo will work on getting stronger and faster before heading to the University of Illinois-Chicago on a basketball scholarship.

After a steal, Junior Gregory Hill (42) soars up to the rim for an open lay in. Hill, following Senior Joshua Mayo, was the team's number two scorer this year. Early in the season, Hill suffered a hand injury and played through the season with a "prained" right hand. With another year left to play at Merrillville, Hill is looking forward to leading the Pirates next season. "It was disappointing how the season ended this year, but luckily I have one more chance at a state post," said Hill.



GIRLS' SHOOT AND



"Don't miss!" runs through the mind of Junior Brittany Moore as she races ahead of LaPorte's Kassandra Gray (22). Moore, who has been playing basketball since the age of nine, said she was very happy with the team's winning record this year.



While getting a shot off above LaPorte's Erin Jystice (24), Senior Nicole Shudick (40) reminds herself "the team is pounding on me." Her favorite aspect of the game was having fun and spending time with her teammates. Shudick said that throughout the season, the girls began to play as a team instead of as individuals.



Senior Brittany Uersery (20) stays one step ahead of Crown Point's Michelle Lipton (25) and lays the ball up while thinking, "I hope I make it." Uersery got involved with the sport at the age of nine, and she loves the competition.

40 Defeats And Conquests



Taking in the excitement surrounding her, Senior Melissa Borom races down the court with the ball. "Time was running out and we need points quick," said Borom. Coach Robert Maicher said Borom was the senior leader and one of the team's strongest players.

BASKETBALL SCORES

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Highland	L	38-29
Valparaiso	L	49-38
Portage	W	36-33
Chesterton	W	51-21
LaPorte	W	41-30
Benton Central	L	42-38
Michigan City	W	51-37
Lake Central	L	40-38
East Chicago Central	L	69-54
Crown Point	W	66-39
Valparaiso	L	39-34
Portage	W	38-19
Munster	W	48-27
LaPorte	L	40-35
Hobart	W	46-42
Lake Central	W	56-36
Chesterton	W	42-38
Michigan City	W	50-45
Lowell	L	52-47
Crown Point	L	68-34
Chesterton (Sectionals)	W (OT)	50-45
Crown Point (Sectionals)	L	49-45

STANDOUTS

Most Improved

Sportsmanship

Leadership

Most Valuable Player

Britney Cruse

Brittany Huish

Candice Wright

Brittney Moore



"Once I got ahead of her, I knew that all I needed to do was focus on making the basket," said Junior Jennifer Addison (31) about her opponent from LaPorte, Erin Justice (24). Starting at age nine, Addison loved shooting hoops and getting involved with all the physical aspects of the game.

Photos by Claudia

The girls huddle around to hear Coach Robert Malcher's words of advice during a timeout. Coach Malcher said practice and hard work led the team to their success.

Girls' Basketball 11

GYMNASTICS SWING

Gripping the high bar over her head, Maunya Jacobs starts a giant around the bar during the routine. After losing a lot of time this season, ending knee injury last year, Jacobs said, "I just had to get over the mental hurdle and then physically strengthen it to get ready for this season." Jacobs finished sixth in the individual regional, enabling her to advance to state.

Posing on the balance beam, Freshman Hannah Watkins focuses on her next trick in the routine. Watkins, whose best event was the uneven bars, stated, "My favorite event was the bars because it was my best event and I enjoyed practicing on them." With one senior leaving, the young team of gymnasts will continue to work hard. Watkins said the future looks bright.

Leaping high above the balance beam, Freshman Simone Kinsey, executes a high straddle jump. Kinsey, one of many freshmen who joined the team together, said, "We came together as a team by having practice every day and by getting together at each other's houses and having sleepovers on the weekends." Kinsey will be looking to improve this off-season with the rest of the team for a promising season next year.

As he stays focused, Freshman Daniel Rios performs the motion on the balance beam. "The beam is my favorite event because it takes the most concentration. It doesn't matter how good you are on the beam. Your focus is what makes the difference," Rios said.



From the low bar, Freshman Elizabeth Martin leaps with arms extended out to catch the high bar in her uneven bars routine. Martin expressed, "The most fun I had all season was going to Indianapolis at State to cheer on Maunya (Jacobs)." Martin looks to improve this summer, especially on the vault where she has some varsity experience.



TEAM BACK IN FULL

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Michigan City	W	103.15-102.75
Lowell	W	97.75-57.40
Hobart	W	98.40-92.60
LaPorte	L	103.925-99.90
Pirate Pride Invitational	3rd Place	98.625
Portage	W	100.725-97.125
Chesterton	L	105.525-99.25
Valparaiso	L	106.875-101.075
Crown Point	L	106.425-99.425
Harrison Invite	2nd Place	99.80
Sectionals	4th Place	103.795

STANDOUTS

Most Improved

Sportsmanship

Leadership

Most Valuable Player

Daniela Rios

Dana Moriarty

Taesia Alford

Maunya Jacobs



"I'm really going to miss everything about gymnastics-my team, the meets and most of all the competition," said Senior Taesia Alford. Alford said that she is sad that her gymnastics career has come to an end. Her most memorable meet was senior night, when her teammates performed a dance to Clara's "My Goodies" on her behalf. Our whole team was really close, and we were all good friends," Alford stated.



"Being a dancer has helped me on the floor," said Coach Courtney Dwyer, freshman. Using her hands to help her balance, Deming does a handstand at while competing on the floor exercise. Dwyer said that although the floor is a fun event, she enjoys the hard one most because she is a dancer at them. With four upcoming freshmen joining the team next year, Deming said she is looking forward to competing in a team with more talent and skill.



Freshman Dana Moriarty likes her examination to stay on the beam. She said that balance beam can be nerve-racking at times. "You always need to be focused on the difficult skills," Moriarty stated. Moriarty's favorite events are the floor exercise and the vault. "I love the floor because of the audience involvement," she stated. Moriarty said she enjoys getting the crowd to participate with her during her routine.

WEIGHING



To gain points with a takedown, Senior Gary Nelson concentrates on J.J. Gilmore's head during his 103-pound match against Portage. After rolling his ankle this season, Nelson joined five of his teammates at the state tournament. Nelson was runner-up at the Merrillville Semi-State and finished fifth at state. Before matches, Nelson said, "I'm not social. I keep to myself and listen to music." Nelson finished with a 33-5 record.



Grabbing onto the head of Portage's Dan Zernek, Senior Eric Oria concentrates on his biggest rival in the 140-pound weight class. Oria said, "I'm tough and don't let little stuff get to me. I'm not intimidated easily. Coach really pushed me when I wanted to give up. He always motivates me to do my best." With a record of 36-7 and 12 pins, Oria was a DAC, sectional and regional champ. He finished fourth at semi-state and eighth at state.



Junior Dexter Larimore, semi-state champion in the heavyweight division, holds Portage's Anthony Espinoza against the mat. With 30 pins and a record of 41-2, Larimore was runner-up at state, losing to Winamac's Chris Kasten after beating Kasten 2-0 in a semi-state final match. Larimore was DAC, sectional, regional and semi-state champion.



With Portage's Steve Young under his arm, Senior Nate Powell holds on for a victory. Posting a record of 24-9 in the 215-pound weight class, Powell said he had to overcome many small obstacles during the season. "Everywhere we went there was something new to face," he said. Before every match Powell jumped rope for five minutes and meditated in order to focus. He said that motivation from Coach David Maldonado helped him to become a better wrestler. Powell stated, "Being one of three seniors is difficult because many underclassmen look up to you." He had 20 pins this season.

IN ON TOP

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
LaPorte Duals	W	4-1
Valparaiso	W	43-20
Portage	L	33-32
Tom Cameron Duals	W	5-0
Crown Point	W	35-25
Illinois Tourney		2nd place
Chesterton	W	63-13
Oakville Missouri Duals	W	6-1
Michigan City	W	73-6
DAC Tournament		2nd place
Lake Central	W	32-6
Sectionals	W	317
Regionals	W	44-15
Semi-State	L	30-29

STANDOUTS

Most Improved

Sportsmanship

Leadership

Most Valuable Player

Jamal Lawrence

Dexter Larimore

Nathanael Powell

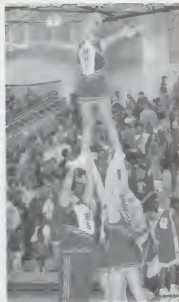
Wesley English



Attempting to pin his opponent during the Calumet Sectional, Junior Wesley English grabs his head. English, the state champion in the 145-pound class and the DAC's Most Valuable Wrestler, said he believes that his reputation is one of his biggest strengths. As the DAC, sectional, regional, semi-state and state champion, English explained that he and his teammates talk a lot and sit in a circle before each match. "Nate Powell gives a speech before every match because he's good at it," he said. With a record of 4-1-1 and 23 pins, English said that Mike Johnson of Lawrence North is his biggest rival.



While grasping the arm of Portage's Brad Kempt, Junior Colt Contreras keeps his mind on the match. With 20 wins and 10 losses in the 171-pound weight class, Contreras stated that his biggest challenge of the year was "attempting to reach sectionals and regionals." Contreras was the sectional champion and a regional runner-up. The wrestlers bond by "sharing very exciting stories," Contreras said. He believes that he dominates his weight class with his strength, but is a little light for it. Contreras said that his teammates give him "moral support."



Stunting at the varsity basketball games, Seniors Ronnie Pedroza, Kristen Neese and Kristy Foster base Senior Kristi Pawlowski in an extension. "I love cheering in front of large audiences to get the crowd involved," stated Foster. Pedroza stated that his favorite part of cheerleading was getting looked at by others. "I love it when other squads see Merrillville cheerleaders as inferior to them," said Pedroza. "The adrenaline just makes me produce a stellar performance," she said.



"I had to make the best out of my senior year," said Senior Thalia Lakatos, who performs a scorpion in the air and points at the crowd. Lakatos said that when the team won first place at the Midwest Cheer Competition at Portage High School, they established themselves as the best in the area. Behind her, Junior Kristin Brindley said that dancing and stunting were her favorite parts of cheerleading. Brindley said that she will miss the seniors the most next year. Lakatos said that leaving her fellow seniors will be "very difficult."



Shine shine from the faces of Sophomores Jasmin Kuymer, Angela Gray and Madeline Govert as they perform at a basketball game. Kuymer said that she joined the cheerleading team because it was "entertaining." She said that her goal was to be the best, but Cast's goal was to accomplish harder stunts. They both agreed that they met their goals. Cast said that overcoming the pressure put on her was a difficult task. "I will miss the people this year, especially the seniors," Govert said. She said that she is excited

A SPIRIT



Slamming into the bleachers, Senior Douglas Kurczynski shows the crowd his trademark move as the Pirate mascot. "Yeah, I really liked entertaining the crowd and getting people to laugh at me. I had no trouble doing this, not by just attracting attention from our fans, but also the fans from the opposing team. Kurczynski has been the mascot for four years. The hardest part about being the mascot was the pressure put on himself to entertain, he said. "By the end of the game, I was so hot under the pirate head, I had to r

OF THEIR OWN



STANDINGS

ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMPETITION

Midwest Cheer/Dance Competition

1st Place in coed team division

1st Place in all girl stunt group

NCA Summer Camp

Bid to Nationals

Top Team

Champion Chant

Team Spirit Award

Team Jump Award

STANDOUTS

Most Improved

Arica Aloia

Pep

Ronnie Pedroza

Leadership

Kristen Neese

Most Valuable Player

Kristy Polster



In unison, the cheerleading team performs a chant at a home football game. Junior Cambria Hollingsworth said, "We spend a lot of time in the summer working on chants. It takes a lot of time and patience." Junior Kristin Brindley said that one of the hardest parts of cheerleading was working together and getting everything done. "Time was not on our side," she said. Sophomore Jasmin Kuhner said that the extended practices were hard because so much time was already spent working on skills. "Our coach really looks for little things that most people don't notice. That is what really makes the difference," senior Ronnie Pedroza said.

Photos by Golas



With a high jump and a scream, Junior Melody Gomez cheers for the Pirates in the sectional championship game against Portage. Gomez said that her favorite part of cheerleading was stunting. "Our goal this year was to be the best and we accomplished it," she said. Gomez said the most difficult task of cheerleading was working together as a team.

DANCE TEAM



Moving to the music during a football game, Sophomore Carla Emmett and Junior Susan Ware use their skills to get the crowd involved during half-time. "I love performing at football games because we usually don't have the chance to dance during football half-time," Ware stated. The team performed routines they learned during summer camp. Coach Melissa Minkman said, "The girls were also very successful at it. They earned a bid to nationals, the Superior Showmanship Award, the Technical Excellence Award, the Best Team and the Bronze Team Leader Award."



During a camp tradition, Sophomore Yvette Guzman gives encouraging words to a fellow teammate. This tradition, the Shower of Praise, is done every year on the last night of camp. Teammates shower each other with compliments and other acknowledging words. This year at camp, Marshallville High School received many trophies and awards and was very successful.



"Facials are an important part of being on the Dance Team. They allow the audience that you are having fun," said Senior Ashley Ware and her teammate, Junior Asla Carter, perform during half-time at the football game. Carter said the best part about performing at football games is "being able to perform in front of our peers while showing support for our team."

48 Dances And Conquests



"Winning was the perfect ending. It was a team effort," said Senior Danielle Nikrin as she and her fellow teammates celebrated their state championship. The varsity dance team won by edging out teams such as Portage and Griffith to win the title. Senior Brittany Hamlin said, "Once they called our name for the championship, we were overcome with emotion."

WINS STATE

STANDINGS

COMPETITION	ROUTINE	PLACE
Indiana Association of Schools	1st	1st
Indiana Association of Schools	2nd	2nd
Indiana Association of Schools	3rd	3rd
Indiana Association of Schools	4th	4th
Indiana Association of Schools	5th	5th
Indiana Association of Schools	6th	6th
Indiana Association of Schools	7th	7th
Indiana Association of Schools	8th	8th
Indiana Association of Schools	9th	9th
Indiana Association of Schools	10th	10th

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Showmanship
Leadership
Most Valuable Dancer
Most Dedicated

Yvette Guzman
Carla Emmett
Lauren Payne
Danielle Nikrin
Ashley Hinchey



With close attention to the National Dance Association instructors Tiffany Taylor and Leigh Nelson learn the team routine at camp. The team attended dance camp at Valparaiso University where they learned routines as a team and individually. The camp showcased a variety of styles, including jazz, pom and funk.

...to hype up the crowd, the members of the team work their way through their routine. First-year member Melissa Volkman was excited to compete in the funk division. "I felt the team had a lot of girls that excelled in funk and dance," sophomore Shannon Williams compiled the list of names that included artists such as Lil' Jon, Lil' Cool J, Fat Joe, Clipse and Mos Def. "I chose these artists because they are the ones that they would get the crowd hyped," said Williams. Although the team had a successful season, they did not advance to the Indiana High School Dance Team Association State Finals. Despite this, Williams is optimistic about next year. "We'll be back next year and we'll be better than ever."

NEW JERSEYS TURN



Hurling the ball towards the plate for a strike, Senior David Jutkus helps the team get a win. "I just go up on the mound and throw strikes," said Jutkus. Jutkus has only been pitching for two years, but has proven to be a leader of the pitching staff. "The team bonds well, and we are all friends," said Jutkus.

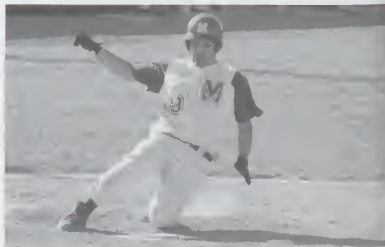


As the team leader in steals last season and again this season, Junior Darryl Evans Jr. steals a base on the Valparaiso catcher, sliding under 3rd baseman Sean Funes (9) of Valparaiso. Along with his speed, he also has a big bat for the Pirates. After hitting nine home runs as a sophomore last year, he led the team in hitting once again with a .450 average and 5 home runs.



Watching the ball fly off the bat, Junior Jose Ponce drives in a run for the team. Ponce was the clean up hitter for the Pirates, batting fourth in the lineup. Last season, Ponce had 20 RBI's and was well on his way to another 20 RBI season with 17 already. "I just go up to the plate and put the bat on the ball," said Ponce.

50 Defeats And Conquests



To avoid an out and earn a run, Junior Alfredo Arredondo slides around the tag. Arredondo and Senior Douglas Kurczynski split the catching duties between them until a hand injury prevented Kurczynski from finishing the season. "I come to play everyday and the team has very good chemistry. We are all friends," said Arredondo.

LEAD TO ROUND

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Hobart	L	13-1
Hammond	W	12-2
Hammond Gavit	L	12-4
Boone Grove	L	9-8
Hammond Morton (DH)	L/W	9-8/6-4
Michigan City	L	12-11
Portage	W	2-1
Highland	W	5-2
LaPorte	L	9-2
Valparaiso	W	4-3
Chesterton	L	15-14
Homewood-Flossmoor	L	10-5
Crown Point	L	9-3
Lake Central	L	2-1
Michigan City	W	11-3
Lowell	W	10-1
Portage	W	7-4
LaPorte	L	15-4
Valparaiso	W	7-4
East Chicago Central	W	5-2
Chesterton	L	5-3
Crown Point	W	4-2
Lake Central	L	3-1
Andean	L	9-1
Hammond Bishop Noll	W	5-3
Mishawaka	W	5-2
Valparaiso (Sectionals)	L	4-3

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Sportsmanship
Leadership
Most Valuable Player

Matthew Paul
Jim Reitz
Douglas Kurczynski
Darryl Evans Jr.



While he strides to hit the ball, Junior Beaudilio McClendon connects on a base hit. McClendon, the leadoff man, has made big improvements from last season to this season. "I did a lot of off-season work and went to some winter camps. When it comes to getting the fundamentals down, it helps when your dad is a major league coach," said McClendon.

Photos by Golas



Ready to turn a double play, Senior Jim Reitz comes up to field the ball and flip it to second baseman Senior Daniel Burkus. Reitz, known for his arm strength, had been an outfielder the previous season. "When I was moved into the infield, I just had to make the adjustments and be a leader," said Reitz. "Jim made the adjustments quick, and we make a good team," said Burkus.

SOFTBALL SWINGS



With an open mitt, Junior Ashley Traina watches the fly ball as she attempts to catch it. For practice, Traina said that Coach Amy Govert asks them to visualize before each game. "Our coach has us go out on the field in our spot and go over things in our head, like catching fly balls," said Traina. While Traina enjoys playing in the outfield, she would much rather focus on offense. She said, "I love batting. It's probably my favorite part of softball."



"I really like softball. I just like the all-around sport," said Sophomore Lauren Stacks. Even though the Pirates lost in round one of sectionals, Stacks said that this year's team did better than what was expected. This summer, the team will be practicing three times a week. "We're also going to lift weights in the off-season to build our strength for next season," Stacks said.



Fielding the ball, Sophomore Amy Vargas gets ready to throw the ball to first. Vargas alternates between pitching and playing in the outfield. "I don't really get too worried when I'm pitching, but I know it's an important job and I take it seriously," said Vargas. Vargas played on the varsity team last season as a freshman and was one of three returning players.



In order to seize the ball thrown past first baseman Jessica Riffett (17) of Portage, Sophomore Tiffany Owen extends her mitt over the plate. "In order to get ready for a game, I usually listen to music because during the game I need to be alert and completely concentrated," said Owen, catcher of nine years. The varsity team had three returning members, but Owen said that the new girls have done a good job taking over. Owen said, "We lost a lot of seniors, and we have people playing new positions, but we're adjusting. The newer girls are really stepping up."

INTO ACTION

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Griffith	L	4-1
Lake Station Edison	W	7-2
Crown Point	L	8-5
Hebron	L	3-1
Lake Central	L	10-0
Penn Invitational	W/L/W	2-1/4-1 1-0
Michigan City	W	6-5
Portage	L	3-2
LaPorte	L	9-2
Valparaiso	W	4-3
Chesterton	L	12-0
Crown Point	W	2-1
Lake Central	L	17-0
Bishop Noll	W	6-0
Michigan City	W	4-1
Portage	L	5-0
LaPorte	W	1-0
Twin Lakes Tourney	L/L	3-0/4-0/3-1
Lowell	L	5-0
Valparaiso	L	7-1
Chesterton	L	1-0
Kankakee Valley	L	6-5
Munster	L	8-1
Hobart (Sectionals)	L	2-1

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Sportsmanship
Leadership
Most Valuable Player

Heather Zurek
Brittany Huish
Tiffany Kedziora
Amy Vargas



Fixed on the ball, Junior Nicole Vowell prepares herself for the pitch. Vowell has been playing softball for ten years and had high hopes for this year's team. Vowell said that the team's busy practice schedule factored into their success. "We practice every day that we don't have a game and on Saturdays. Sundays are our only day off," she said. Even though the team was optimistic for sectionals and did better than last season, the team suffered a 2-1 loss to Hobart.

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With a quick glance at the pitcher, Junior Heather Zurek sprints to make it safely to second base. Zurek, who has been playing since she was eight, knows about the pressures of the game. "As one of the pitchers, I feel a lot of pressure. It takes good focus and concentration to do a good job out there," said Zurek. Zurek relied on the closeness of her team to support her and keep her motivated. She said, "We're a close team, and we try to create unity by having team talks before each game."

Boys' FOR THE



With more confidence, Junior Scott Schafer uses tips from his coach, Mr. Richard Ohlenkamp, to improve his swing. "He has actually helped me a lot on my short game and bunker shot," said Schafer. Schafer's lowest scores are 42 on 9 holes and 88 on 18 holes. He has been playing for about eight years, and he first picked up the sport from his dad and great uncle. Following the advice that his dad gave him, "It's not the way you drive; it's the way you arrive," Schafer always made sure he was swinging in style.



"Nice and easy" is just what Senior Matthew Kasperan was thinking right before he made this shot. Kasperan has been playing golf for about nine years and knew it was a sport he could be good at when he got to high school. "I just want to do better than last year and post good scores for the team," said Kasperan about his goals for the year. His best advice has been to watch the pros and stick with it. Kasperan draws inspiration from his favorite golfer, Phil Mickelson, because "he doesn't win a lot, but he has the drive to be the best."



One of the few to admit that golf is a relaxing sport, Sophomore Dennis Barsich takes a swing at the ball during a Portage match. Five seemed to be Barsich's lucky number as he said that he improved five spots since last year and came down five strokes. In order to keep his cool, Barsich listened to country and reggae music. Right before he swung the club, Barsich said, "I'm just thinking about getting back to Bob Marley."

54 Defeats And Conquests



On the green, Sophomore Stoten Stofko takes on a relaxed approach to what some may consider a frustrating sport. Stofko said, "Depending on how I'm playing, I'll adopt a song, and if I start playing badly, I'll change songs. If I'm doing good, then I'll just have fun with it." In his second year on the team, Stofko has realized change in his strengths. "Last year, fairway shots were what I'd always rely on, but now pitching and chip shots are my best," said Stofko.

GOLF GOES GREEN

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Mich. City Marquette Journey	12th of 14	384
Boone Grove	L	164-213
Michigan City/Portage	L/L	149-195/175-195
Chesterton/LaPorte	L/L	155-202/162-202
Wheeler	W	179-181
Crown Point	L	163-181
Rensselaer Central Invite	17th of 20	378
Boone Grove Invite	5th of 9	194
Valparaiso/Lake Central	L/L	160-197/162-197
Chesterton/Michigan City	L/L	159-204/160-204
LaPorte	L	171-192
Crown Point/Portage	L/L	171-198/180-198
Valparaiso/Lake Central	L/L	147-200/164-200
Chesterton Invite	Tied for 7th of 8	378
Sectionals	4th of 13	363

STANDOUTS

Most Improved

Sportsmanship

Leadership

Most Valuable Player

Justin Belko

Matthew Kasperan

Matthew Kasperan

Matthew Kasperan



Concentration and a clear head help Junior Jonathan Woodward right before he swings. "Nothing goes through my mind. If you think about something, you're probably going to mess up," commented Woodward. Although he may look calm, Woodward confessed to being "probably the worst on the team" when it comes to keeping his cool. Woodward will continue golfing in some summer tournaments that he is considering. He has hopes of receiving a scholarship for golf, but he admitted that they are very difficult to receive.

Photos by Giolas



Focusing on the hole, Sophomore Genesis Rodrigo takes time to calculate his shot. When he was eight years old, a family friend gave Rodrigo some golf clubs and he has been playing it ever since. He has gotten his lowest score down to a 42 on 9 holes, which is an improvement by 10 to 15 strokes from last year. Rodrigo admitted that it is not a sight of beauty to watch him play. "I start throwing the ball and throwing the club when I get frustrated," said Rodrigo. However, Rodrigo said that he tries to prepare for the game by staying loose and doing something to brighten his mind.

GAME, SET,



To return the ball back to her opponent, Freshman Stephanie Donohue takes a step forward before her swing. "The tennis team has really been a lot of fun, and it gave me a lot of experience," said Donohue. "The girls on the team are a lot of fun, and they are always cheering me on when I play," she said. Donohue said that she was under a lot of pressure because often, the last determining point was up to her.



With the injury to Junior Callie Lucas, Senior Katie Coleman had to step up for the Pirates in her last season. "It was very hard losing some good girls, but the team coped very well with the changes," said Coleman. Coleman played different positions, including number two singles and number one doubles. In the fall, she will attend Ball State University and play for the racquetball club instead of for the university's tennis team. "My major will be too advanced for me to play on the Ball State University tennis team," stated Coleman.



With a plan to win the next point, Junior Jessica Savin and Freshman Ashley Contreras reach to pound each other's fists. "It has been a lot of fun playing with Ashley; we have had our ups and downs, but all in all, we are a good team," said Savin. After recovering from her injury, Junior Callie Lucas replaced Savin and finished the season in that position.



As the number one singles player, Junior Nina Bezvina volleys the ball back to her competition. "I feel very confident about being one of the area's top players," said Bezvina. She was named the most valuable player of the Duneland Athletic Conference. "I feel that I have improved a lot, and my goal is to finish higher than I did last year when I went downstate. I would like to thank all of the girls for accepting me and also being my friends in the season and off-season of tennis," stated Bezvina.

MATCH

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Highland	W	3-2
Plymouth Toumey		2nd of 3
Lowell	W	4-1
Portage	W	5-0
Chesterton	L	4-1
Lake Central	W	5-0
MHS Doubles Tourney		4th of 8
Crown Point	L	4-1
Michigan City	L	4-1
Jasper Invite		8th of 9
LaPorte	L	4-1
Valparaiso	L	3-2
Andrean (Sectionals)	W	3-2
Hobart (Sectionals)	W	3-2
Chesterton (Regionals)	L	3-2

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Sportsmanship
Leadership
Most Valuable Player

Stephanie Donohue
Katie Coleman
Morgan Zellers
Nina Bezvina



During matches, sisters Junior Morgan Zellers and Freshman Stephanie Zellers, team up to compete as the number one doubles team. They both admitted that playing with each other was challenging; however, Morgan said, "Being able to communicate with my sister has not been very easy, but we deal with it." Toward the end of the season, Morgan moved to number two singles. Stephanie played doubles with Senior Anesia Brown.

Photos by Giolas



As Coach Dave Zimmerman tries to explain the racquet movement, Freshman Stephanie Donohue prepares to change the way she hits the next ball. "Our ladies have fought very hard this year, and it paid off because we were named sectional champs," said Coach Zimmerman. Commenting on the departure of Seniors Katie Coleman and Anesia Brown, Coach Zimmerman said, "Katie has been very flexible with playing singles and doubles and will be missed. Anesia has been a lot of spunk for the team and had a great serve for our players to practice returning."

BOYS' TRACK



In a meet against Michigan City, airborne Junior Carlton Hoyles competes in the long jump. Hoyles said, "I compete in long jump and high jump in regular meets to get points for the team, but I like the 110 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles the most. I run a 14.20 second time in the 110 meter hurdle race, which is one of the best times in the area." Hoyles had the best times in the two hurdle races at the Crown Point Sectional.



After receiving the baton, Senior Tristan Dawson turns his head toward the track to maintain the lead in the 4 x 100 meter relay. Senior Rickie Crawley Jr., who handed the baton to Dawson, said, "The hardest part about the relay is handing the baton off and getting the trade inside the exchange zone." The relay team placed second in the West Side Sectional with a time of 44.22 seconds.



During his turn at the shot put event, Senior Nate Powell displays his determination. Powell, a triathlete, said, "It's hard for me because I have to be big and strong for football. When wrestling comes around I have to lose a lot of weight to get down to my 215 pound weight class. Then track season comes and I have to be big and strong again." Powell will attend Wabash College in the fall where he will play football.



As he gets up in the blocks, Senior Michael Booker prepares for the 400 meter race with the aid of Junior Ryan Cameron. Booker said, "I run the race in my head while I set up in the blocks and focus on coming off the blocks quick." Booker, who was also the team captain, placed second at the Crown Point Sectional with a time of 49.40 seconds. Booker placed fourth at the regional competition.

RACES FOR A WIN

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Crown Point	W	93-38
Valparaiso		66-66
Portage Invite		2nd of 8
Lake Central	L	70-62
Portage	W	67-65
Chesterton	W	97-39
Portage Relays		2nd of 8
Michigan City	W	106-26
Laport	W	90-42
Valparaiso Relays		2nd of 8
DAC	W	
Sectionals	W	

STANDOUTS

Most Improved
Sportsmanship
Leadership
Most Valuable Player

Kendall Thomas
Richard Reddick III
Michael Booker
Carlton Hoyles



Clearing the bar, Junior Tim Sovich makes a graceful jump to earn points for the team as a varsity pole-vaulter. Sovich said, "I've improved a lot since my freshman year. Then I jumped 9 feet, but now I can jump 13 feet." At the Crown Point Sectional Sovich placed third, and teammate Junior Cedric Von Rambert Jr. placed first. This propelled Merrillville ahead of West Side as sectional champions on the last event.

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Gliding over the hurdle, Freshman Roosevelt Williams competes at a track meet. Spectators at track and field meets often confuse Williams with his twin brother Ronneal. Both compete in the same track events, which include the hurdles race, a race that older brother Jerry Williams ran in last year at state. Roosevelt said, "Coach Bartolomeo and my brother Jerry convinced both of us to join the track team and run hurdles because it would help us avoid getting tackled in football."

GIRLS MAKES



Sprinting ahead of the competition, Sophomore Christina Lobodinski strives to complete her leg of the 400 meter relay. Lobodinski, known throughout the team as "Lobo," said she likes to participate in relays because "it's a team effort. I love the feeling of a team coming together to beat the competition." With the relay team having a strong showing at the sectionals, Lobodinski hopes for "a good showing at regionals and hopefully state."



"I'm going to miss all of the friendships that I have made through track. My teammates have been there for me through everything," said Senior Stephanie Neville as she reminisced about her final season as a member of the varsity track team. Neville, who competes in the 100, 200, and 4x100 relays, plans to continue her track career as a member of the Indiana University Women's Track Team.



Landing with a determined look on her face, Junior Abigail Deidgha completes her long jump competition. Deidgha, who placed fourth in the long jump at the West Side Sectional, said she joined track because "it seemed like a lot of fun. I love running and being involved with track helped me better myself as a runner." Deidgha also stated that the best part about being on the track team is that "the coaches are always there for you, both on and off the track, and the friendships that I have made are something that I will never forget."

60 Defeats And Conquests



"Being in cross country definitely prepared me for this track season. This year, my times have improved greatly," explained Senior Sarra Kwell as she commented on the benefits of being involved with cross country during the fall season. Kwell competed in the 4x800 meter relay team that placed fourth at the West Side Sectional. "I just really want to make it to state and place. That's the one thing that I have wanted since freshman year."

TRACK STRIDES

STANDINGS

OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Crown Point	L	67-64
Valparaiso	L	83-49
Lake Central	L	86-46
Chesterton	L	90-42
Portage	L	70-61
Michigan City	L	67.5-64.5
LaPorte	W	98-38
CAD meet		4th
Sectional		1st
Regional		4th

STANDOUTS

Most Improved	Jessica Boursier
Sportsmanship	Arielle Anderson
Leadership	Sara Kwell
Most Valuable Player	Dana Bolden



Soaring above the bar, Junior Stephanie Pavlish competes in the pole vault. Pavlish, who tied for first at the West Side Sectional with a height of 10 feet, likes competing in the pole vault because "It is really challenging and it is also a lot of fun." Pavlish advanced to the state finals and placed 16th.

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Discussing strategy for the 4x 100 relay, Senior Dana Bolden, Junior Tamara Gaddy, Sophomore Jamesha Harris and Senior Chaquilla Tucker try to finish up plans before the start of the race. The 4x 100 relay team advanced to the state finals on June 4, 2005. "I am so glad that we are going to state. I think that we will do really well," said Junior Tamara Gaddy. Gaddy's sentiments were right. The 4x 100 relay team placed fifth in the finals.

SPORTS

Boys' Varsity Soccer



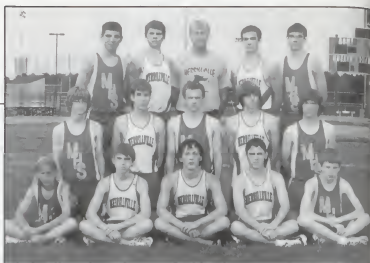
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Boys' JV Soccer



Front Row: Gregory Jansen, Nicholas Kaoukis, Raul Moreno, Jacob George, Erik Cioni, Alexander Graves, Daniel Prentoski, Michael Ferguson; Second Row: Juan Gutierrez, Prince Nzeta, Voikan Drljaca, Christopher Papp, Joshua Phillips, Nicholas Sneiderwine, Jacob Potter, Nicholas Vadas, Mladen Suleski; Back Row: Coach Rick Hurey, Alex Olandezos, Chris Huppenthal, Julian Mosley, Michael Churilla, Alberto Lagunas, Andrew Milenkovski, Benjamin Breedlove, Coach Brian Past

Boys' Cross Country



Front Row: Corbin Massa, Raymond Duttweiler, Sean Rose, Brett Skrupa, Matthew Bane; Second Row: Seth Binder, Kevin Wilson, Quinn Roberts, Justin Floyd, Kyle Shockley; Back Row: Daniel Caruana, Andrew Caruana, Coach Mike Hoffman, Matthew Crane, Donald Bhe

Girls' Cross Country



Front Row: Valerie Argotti, Sarra Kwell, Chaquilla Tucker, Chantrice Cade; Second Row: Arielle Anderson, Jessica Boursier, Raquel Guerrero, Tamarra Gaddy, Dana Bolden; Back Row: Candice Wright, Coach Bobi Cole, Brianna Ursery

Girls' Golf



Front Row: Megan Frasca, Elizabeth Lashenik, Jessica Myren, Katie Coleman; Back Row: Julianne Fabian, Coach Richard Ohlenkamp, Ashley Washburn

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Ashley Contreras, Lisa Saberniak; Second Row: Coach Amy Gwert, Shanna Kacher, Lauren Hallenbeck, Stephanie Pavlish, Chelsie Kelly, Christina Lobodinski, Coach Pat Contreras; Third Row: Coach Tania Price, Callie Lucas, Erica Aloia, Coach Mark Ciesielski; Back Row: Brittany Huish

JV VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Amy Gurney, Tiffany Owen, Letitia Bella; Second Row: Martha Langbehn, Ashley Contreras, Shanna Kacher, Vanessa Ramos, Amy Vargas; Back Row: Coach Tania Price, Lauren Person, Jacqueline Miller, Coach Amy Gwert, Jillian Jones, Christina Lobodinski, Coach Mark Ciesielski

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Gail Macapagal, Kristen Hoyles, Amanda Patterson; Second Row: Jasmin Garmon, Candace Pearson, Shauntereah Gates; Back Row: Nicole Jones, Anissa Lalitte, Coach Pat Contreras, Zinzi Williams, Jameea Long

GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER



Front Row: Kacey Loudermilk, Elyssa Mojica, Amanda Churilla, Jackie Gurney, Emily Czekala; Second Row: Kalynn Harstad, Kimberly Jansen, Michelle Kistler, Karen Balko, Sarah Vaughn, Debra Harstad, Brittney Maynard; Back Row: Coach Kristi Krooswyk, Katie Balko, Alyssa Wachter, Coach Jeff Fairbairn, Kimberly Sniederwine, Alison Conquest, Coach Jason Kendera

GIRLS' JV SOCCER



Front Row: Amber Barnes, Emily Czekala, Michelle Kistler, Brittney Maynard, Magen Fassoth, Erica Richmond; Second Row: Kalynn Harstad, Andrea Warman, Irene Lopez, Kathrine Harold, Jenna Baisden, Caitlin DeCourcy, Debra Harstad; Back Row: Assistant Coach Jason Kendera, Nicole Olivares, Abigail Deidigha, Brittany Perry, Lisa Sternberg, Eniola Akinrinade, Coach Kristi Krooswyk

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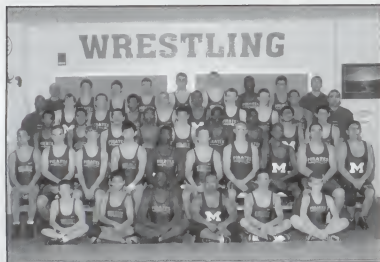
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GIRLS' SWIMMING



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WRESTLING



Front Row: Daniel Stoica, Carlo Martinez, Darnell Roberts, Ira Smith, Gary Nelson, Andrew Kepchar; Second Row: William Coria Jr., Aaron Potter, Kyle Yarnell, Eric Oria, Devin Parker, Kyle Morris, Bradley Kurczynski, Alan Camper, Edward Flores, Charles Campos Jr.; Third Row: Jarred Gordon, Edward Barcenas, Francisco Gonzalez, Jamal Lawrence, Wesley English, Ronneal Williams, Roosevelt Williams, Rohan Shah, Alexander Ponce; Fourth Row: Coach Mike Lawrence, Roy Bishop, Aaron Rodriguez, Odell Gordon, John Ackermann, John Jackson, Quinn Roberts, Justin Gust, Cedric Von Rampert Jr., Coach David Maldonado; Back Row: Coach Gene Bierman, Joseph Wing, Demetrios Volikas, Jonathan Woodward, Nate Powell, Dexter Larimore, Travis Marks, Araseli Lagunas, Coach Rob Petyko

BOYS' TENNIS



Front Row: Scott Lucas, Mark Bobowsky, Daniel Burkus, Stoten Stofko, Joshua Puzey, Cody Stewart; Second Row: Ashish Arshanapalli, Patrick Laorden, Jane Perkins, Elliott Johnson, Marques Good; Back Row: Manager Cassandra Adler, Coach Alan Branda, Wyatt Perkins, Drake Branda, Dennis Barsich, Coach Dave Zimmerman, Manager Courtney Miller

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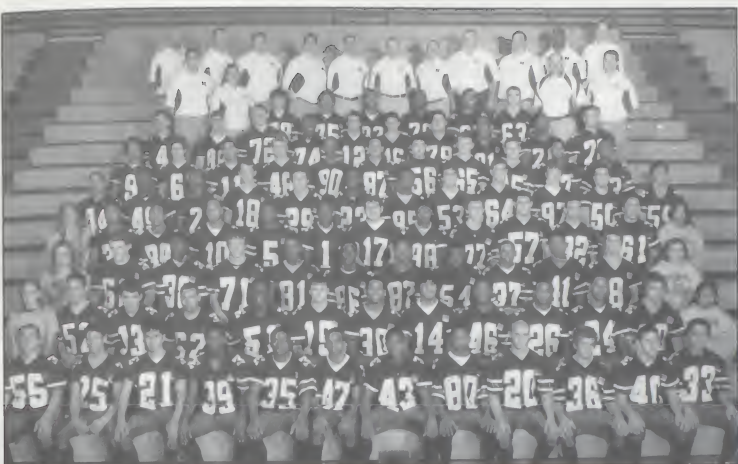


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GYMNASTICS



Front Row: Courtney Deming; Second Row: Diana Moriarty, Samone Kins; Third Row: Daniela Rios, Taesia Alford, Elizabeth Martin; Fourth Row: Denise Coleman, Hannah Watkins, Maunya Jacobs; Fifth Row: Coach Nick Roberts, Coach Diane Roberts

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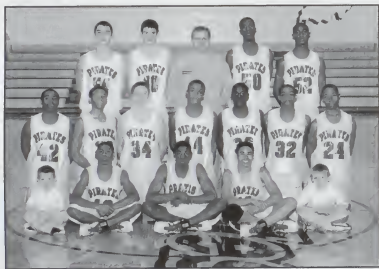
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BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



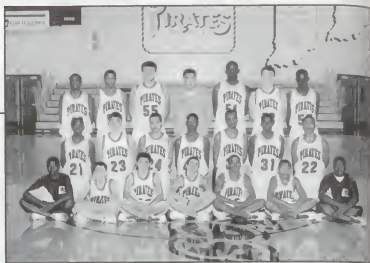
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BOYS' JV BASKETBALL



Front Row: Bryce Bonin, Drew Dawson, DaVon Cundiff, Rahdrick Dix, Blake Bonin; Second Row: Isaac White, Keith Dean Jr., David Lobodinski, Joseph Kelley, Andrew Anderson, Joshua White, Albert Williams; Back Row: Kyle Bonick, Joshua Raspopovich, Coach Leo Bonin, Michael Stokes, Thaddeus Wilkerson

BOYS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL



Front Row: Lorne Britt-Edge, John Fecarotta, Mark Bobowsky, Martin Aznar, Joseph White, Anthony Hillsman, Tommy Holt; Second Row: Anthony Patten, Clayton Cooper, Brandon Molloy, Chameron McMillon, Ricardo Barksdale, David Macon, Jonathon Lee; Back Row: Artis Clanton, Anthony Lowe, Steven Lohse, Coach Mike Megyesi, Demetrious Richardson, Nicholas Diehl, Marquise Greene

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



Front Row: Chaquilla Tucker, Britney Cruse, Jamesha Harris, Brittany Usery, Melisa Borom; Second Row: Tamara Gaddy, Angela East, Christina Lobodinski, Candice Wright, Britney Curry; Back Row: Coach Amy Covert, Coach Stephanie Nelson, Jennifer Addison, Nicole Shudick, Brittney Moore, Brittany Huish, Natasha Jennings, Coach Robert Maicher, Manager Arielle Anderson

GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL



Front Row: Latoya Noble, Jamesha Harris, Despina Lozevski, Raquel Guerre, Amber Barnes; Back Row: Coach Amy Covert, Rachel SanMiguel, Christina Lobodinski, Alyssa Wiley, Gabrielle Walton, Britney Curry, Coach Stephanie Nelson

GIRLS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL



Front Row: Alysa Cody, Chiara Clanton, Damita Thomas, Jasmin Cook, Erica Broaders; Back Row: Kiara Prothro, Morgan Mosley, Sierra Jackson, Coach Jeff Fairbairn, Jenece Johnson, Janay Nalls, Jasmine Hinchon

GIRLS' TENNIS



Front Row: Lauren Townsend, Sully Haro, Jalyssa King, Courtney Miller, Chae Torres, Cassandra Adler, Cara Zimmerman; Second Row: Callie Lucas, Nina Bezvina, Lajina Williams, Katie Coleman, Jessica Savin, Lindsey Trock, Ashley Contreras, Morgan Zellers; Back Row: Coach James Simon, Coach Ferrer Levinson, Stephanie Zellers, Anesia Brown, Michele Zerbe, Stephanie Donohue, Kristen Hoyles, Coach Dave Zimmerman, Coach Kim Naspinski

Boys' GOLF



Front Row: Matthew Kasperan, Scott Schafer, Dennis Barsich, Coach Olankamp, Jonathan Woodward, Stoten Stofko, Genesis Rodrigo

VARSITY SOFTBALL



Front Row: Heather Zurek, Tiffany Kedziora, Rachael Rudolph, Nicole Vowell, Amy Vargas, Tiffany Owen; Back Row: Coach Carolina Procter, Coach Stephanie Nelson, Ashley Thomas, Ashley Traina, Brittany Huish, Lauren Stacks, Jessica Falls, Manager Nicole Rudolph, Coach Amy Govett

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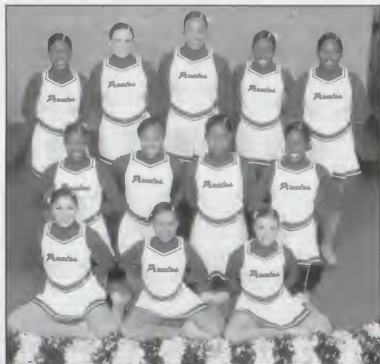


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JV DANCE TEAM



Front Row: Xiomara Vega, Blair Mitchell, Marianthi Dals; Second Row: Kiara Wills, Leigh Woods, LaChez McClucas, Danielle Roberts; Back Row: Markiya Jenkins, Ashley Nelson, Jarryn Robinson, Brandi Griffin, Brittney Hill

VARSITY DANCE TEAM



Front Row: Ashley Hinchin, Brittany Hamlin, Danielle Nikrin, Ashly Janovick, Bianca Mizimakoski; Second Row: Shannon Williams, Tiffany Taylor, Asia Carter, Lauren Payne, Susan Ware, Kayla Turner; Back Row: Denise Coleman, Tiffany Gordon, Yvette Guzman, Gabriela Miller, Carla Emmett

VARSITY BASEBALL



Front Row: Matthew Paul, Mykal Martinez, Daniel Burkus, Darryl Evans Jr., Brendan Schafer II, Chad Dawson, David Jutkus; Second Row: Phillip Keene, Beaudilio McClendon, Alfredo Arredondo, Adrian Gober, Evan Parker, Douglas Kurczynski, Jonathan Kucik; Back Row: Coach Zac Wells, Michael Padgett, Ryan Donohue, Jim Reitz, Adam Farag, Jose Ponce, Coach Mark Ciesielski

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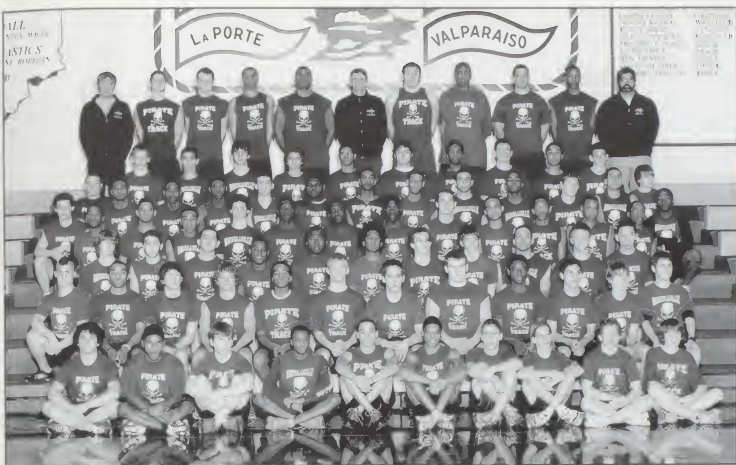
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FRESHMAN BASEBALL



Front Row: Dustin Blaylock, Mark Bobowsky, Jonathan Lee, Daniel Jutkus, Ryan Halbe; Second Row: Eric Foley, Daniel LaTurno, Douglas Domikaitis, Samuel Ely, Charles Campos Jr.; Back Row: Patrick Nawracaj, Paul Rosa, Coach Anthony Hofer, Steven Lohse, Clayton Cooper

BOYS' TRACK



Front Row: Alexander Graves, Dion Gober, Dale VanVleet, Lewis Miller, Cameron Jones, David Richmond III, Brandon Kapitán, Corbin Massa, Michael Ferguson, Matthew Bane; Second Row: Bradley Kurczynski, Ryan Cameron, Sean Rose, Kyle Morris, Brian Morrow, Jason Sniderwine, Sebastian Van Wickern, Brandon Usher, Christopher Pyatt, Raymond Tinoco, Ray Duttweiler, Brett Skorupa; Third Row: Seth Binder, Benjamin Spires, Francisco Gonzalez, Demario Richardson, Steven Lares II, Chad Noss, Matthew Crane, Justin Floyd, Rickie Crawley Jr., Sean Gaffney, Eric Vazquez; Fourth Row: Richard Reddick III, Kyle Foree, Cedric Rambert Jr., Jeremy Adamson, Michael Langhurst, Ronneal Williams, Douglas Spencer, Roosevelt Williams, Daniel Dwyer, James Hedrick, Odell Gordon, Jason Talbert, Carlton Bradley, Robert Aldrich; Fifth Row: Anthony LaPinta, John Jackson, Robert Lewis, Amari Blakely, Andrew Milenkovski, Kyran Magee, Troy Harris, James Crawley, Austin Gibson, Jacob George, Benjamin Hernandez, Michael Gough; Sixth Row: Quinn Roberts, Daniel Caruana, Kenneth Poleozos, Andrew Caruana, Jarad Abdul-Hatiz, Richard Aleman, John Johnson II, Jakob Friess, Michael Booker, Donald Bhe; Back Row: Coach Michael Hofman, Timothy Sovich, Nicholas Diehl, Jaia Abdul-Hatiz, Kendall Thomas, Coach James Johnston, Dexter Lamore, Rio Nance, Rafael Gerodimos, Donald York, Coach Luis Lopez

GIRLS' TRACK



Front Row: Caroline Pineda, Chantrice Cado, Sarra Kwell, Eniola Akinnade, Brianna Ursery, Latoya Noble, Jamesha Harris, Dana Bolden, Megan Gunn; Second Row: Candice Murphy, Karraen Allen, Stephanie Pavlish, Sheneil Haynes, Raquel Cuerrero, Sarah Vaughn, Kacey Loudermilk, Arielle Anderson, Jessica Boursier, Tiara Wright, Chaquilla Tucker; Third Row: Samonte Kinsey, Tamara Gaddy, Jacqueline Jefferson, Christina Lobodinski, Candice Wright, Abigail Deidgha, Alison Conquest, Dominique Cudjoe; Back Row: Coach Keith Storey, Coach Derek Thompson, Ambrosia Hill, Natazia Hawkins, Courtney McLeod, Stephanie Neville, Coach Joe Atira, Kenyetta West, Loreal Blackwell, Pamela Johnson, Amber Gordon, Coach Tony Klimczak, Coach Bobi Cole



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We Got the Beat



With other members of the Band of Pirates, Senior Cristopher Haro plays his trombone with ease during a football game. Cheering the crowd on with some music gets the team pumped up too. "I love to make the crowd cheer louder, and it gets the team pumped up also," said Haro. "I have been in the band for four years at Merrillville High School and I love to make noise to make sure that the players know that they have my support."



To concentrate on the command from the drum major to bring up her instrument and play, Sophomore Rebecca VanVleet stands at attention. "I have been in band for four years so far, and I love being able to play my flute," she said. "I also love being in band because of the fun trips that we go on, like the Spring Break trip my freshman year to New Orleans."



Because he enjoys playing his saxophone, Junior Zach Sperling willingly gives up a weekend night to play in the Pep Band at basketball games. "It is very fun playing in the band. I love it because I get to do something that I love to do," Sperling said.



Under the direction of Mr. Bob Myers, bands from the high school and middle school join forces to present the annual Holiday Concert. "The bands have really been working hard to make a nice sound to the ears of their families," Mr. Myers said. "It has been a pleasure working with the bands and seeing that we have a lot of talent in our Merrillville School System."



"Being in band has made me happy because I get to be with all of my friends that are in band with me," said Michele Zerbe. The freshman plays her saxophone for the crowd watching the Merrillville Holiday Parade. Zerbe said, "It has been fun playing in the marching band at the high school, and I will stay in it for all four years that I will be at the high school."



To usher in the holiday season, the Marching Band joins 44 Merrillville clubs, organizations and businesses in the ninth annual parade on Broadway. Band members wore Santa hats and the Color Guard members carried candy canes as they walked down the main street of town. The parade, held in early December, also featured the Roosevelt High School Band.

Marching his way down Broadway in the Merrillville Holiday Parade, Senior Matthew Kasperan stands at attention before getting the band ready to play for the crowd. Kasperan said, "I have been the drum major for two years at the high school, and I plan to pursue this in college. I will be in the Marching 100 at Indiana University Bloomington, and I also hope to be the drum major there."

Advanced Band

Front Row: Jacquiline Bella, Stephanie Waldron, Almee Ortega, Elizabeth Hall, DeAundra Johnson, Joia Warner, Sneza Nacovski, Trenika Williams; Second Row: Amanda Powers, Ashlee Holland, Arturo Fuentes, Jonathan Cabral, Zachary Sperling, Melodie Plummer, Alayna Bella, Rebecca Kohler; Third Row: Donald Whittemore, Allana Fleck, Jessica Savin, Zachary Sowash, Cristopher Haro, D'Andre Spears, Michael Ashe, Matthew Kasperan, Robert Martin; Back Row: Matthew Wieneke, Emmanuel Turner, David Lopez, Jacob Zerbe, Donal Marler, Scott Stepher, Taso Kratimenos, Jafar Abdul-Hafiz, Samuel Yacko, Kendall Thomas, Eric Heldbreder



Beginning Band

Front Row: Brittni Braddock, Stephanie Waldron, Caroline Stephens, Valerie Angotti, Jan'ea Guerra, Desirée Bolden, Courtney Orenshaw, Linnise Dixon; Second Row: Jasmine Henderson, Zinzi Williams, Shayna Florczyk, Kendall Sharp, Brittany Williams, Wesley Young, Rebecca Kohler, Anissa Lafitte, Roberto Canales; Third Row: Ernest Lane, Mark Bobowsky, Jason Savin, Jaclyn Nason, Jeremy Zeilenga, Michelle Zerbe, Nicole Jones, Laurie Hawkins, Jonathan Harbin; Back Row: DeAndre Nwannunu, Mike Gough, John Graun, Michael Martin, Marquan Love, Justin White, Cristopher Haro, Daniel Caruana, Joshua Phillips, Clarence Powell, Keenen Stevenson, Joshua Williams



Strike up the Band



Intermediate Band

Front Row: Benjamin Tapper, Jennifer Weger, Daniel Sparks, Mary Hawkins, Rebecca VanVleet; Second Row: Jamie Sieb, Sarah Wolf, Hannah Day, Carrie Sullivan, Ariel Mabone, Cara Zimmerman, Geoffrey Sperling; Third Row: Letitia Bella, Michael Rivera, Nicholas Pecenica, George Nicksch, Brian Morrow, Cameron Jones, Ari Meux, Dale VanVleet; Back Row: Corbin Massa, Byron Turner II, John Goosby III, Daniel Holley, Ben Pankiewicz, Nicholas Diehl, Michael Fisch II, Neven Holland, James Gedda



20th Annual Jazz in the Meadows
Jazz Festival

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Jazz Band

Front Row: Ben Pankiewicz, Jafar Abdul-Hafiz, Jonathan Cabral, Justin White, Nicole Jones, Stephanie Waldron; Second Row: Mr. Bob Myers, Donal Marler, Alayna Bella, Christopher Haro, Kyle Shockey, Jacob Zerbe, Andrew Caruana, Neven Holland, Daniel Sparks, Benjamin Breedlove; Back Row: Rebecca Kohler, Allana Fleck, Michael Ashe, David Lopez, Matthew Kasperan, Jaclyn Nason, James Gedda, Brian Morrow

Photos by Golas and provided by Mr. Meyers

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Orchestra class usually begins with tuning and a warm-up scale. Freshman Jacob Kapitan, with three years of experience, is playing a D major two-octave scale. Kapitan said, "I am excited to play with such wonderful players."

Six-year orchestra members, Seniors Joe Sobek and Jamie Parker, practice for the Spring Concert. This was their last concert with the orchestra. Parker said she will miss "being with her friends." Sobek and Parker unanimously agreed that their favorite song they played was from "Pirates of the Caribbean."



After her solo performance in the Fall Orchestra Concert, Junior Irene Tinoco takes her bow. She was responsible for the scream in the piece, "The Curse of the Rosin Eating Zombies from Outer Space." She was positioned so the audience could not see her. The piece was a spoof of scary movie music.



Front Row: Kristen Hoyles, Alexandra Garritano, Desiree Walker, Courtney Weldon, Mark Wieneke II, Trevor Brown, Zachary Banks, Micheal Finchum; Second Row: Irene Lopez, Thalia Lakatos, Marissa Bankston, Angela East, Lindsey Nosich, Matthew Kochevar, Kimberly Nason, Candace Pearson, Prince Nzeata, Simone Howard, Shelley Lohr, Jacqueline Miller, Lauren Hallenbeck; Third Row: Ebony Holly, Irene Tinoco, John Kedziora, Eric Freeman, Amy Gurney, Chantrice Cade, Elizabeth Bandy, Emmales Troupas, Alexandra McLaughlin, Pedro Lara, Michael Churilla, Cara Fejes, Ohn Jay Walker, Krysten Casey, Cherelle Dunn, Sarah Yacko; Fourth Row: Jacob Kapitan, Cassandra Kluga, Megan Sweeney, Melissa Rivera, Jamie Parker, Megan Gunn, Ashly Janovick, Joe Sobek, Ashley Wallace, Nina Lopez, Ian Jones, Le Tia Hill, Elizabeth Baumann, Rauli Moreno, Quinn Roberts, Fanny Garcia, Amanda Gonzales, Jessica Parker, Seth Binder; Back Row: Mr. John Bradford, Le'Antoinette Cundiff, Karrean Allen, Sarah Torres, Benjamin DeLaCruz, Wyatt Perkins, Joshua Crayne, Brian Albee, Loreal Blackwell, Shanna Kacher, Angelique Gruchmal, Cassandra Garcia-Brignoni, Ms. Jodi Bjornstad, Mrs. Diane Kowalski. Not Pictured: James Aeschliman, Brianna Carter, Jeremy Coto, Amber Fleming, Derek Johnson, Brittany Maynard, Laura Moreno, Rachel SanMiguel, Susanne Youngren



"I knew that I wanted to be an orchestra teacher ever since I was little," first year teacher Mrs. Diane Kowalski said. At her first concert with the Merrillville Orchestra, she was "very pleased with how the students performed." Besides teaching at the high school, Mrs. Kowalski also teaches orchestra at Merrillville Intermediate School. Mrs. Kowalski chose to dress up as a lady vampire. Her costume complemented Orchestra Director Mr. John Bradford's costume of Dracula. "I did not know that Mr. Bradford would be Dracula, so it was very coincidental."

The bass section follows along in the Holiday Concert. Senior Loreal Blackwell, second chair bass, has been in orchestra for six years and she feels the orchestra did "very well." Junior Brian Albee, first chair bass, said his favorite song of the concert was "The Christmas Sing-A-Long."



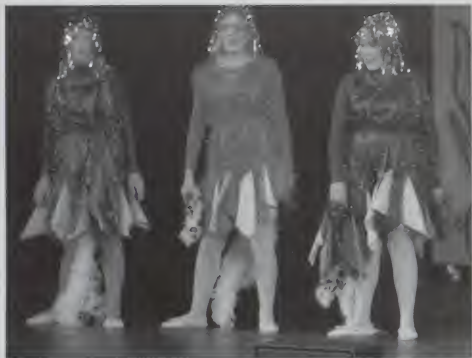
With the intent of scaring the audience, Mr. John Bradford creeps along the stage as an alien during the piece "The Curse of the Rosin Eating Zombies from Outer Space." This was one of the many costume changes that Mr. Bradford underwent during the concert. "I changed costumes for every song because it kept the audience's attention and got them involved with each and every piece that we performed."



Waiting for the note, Junior James Aeschliman and Seniors Cassandra Kluga and Lindsey Nosich prepare for the Indiana State School Music Association Group Contest. The orchestra began practicing for contest in early January. Kluga said, "It's good that we started early because we can be better prepared for the contest in April."



Strings Attached



Juniors Lindsey Trock, Niki Kraska and Megan Lee show off their acting skills in the fall musical, "Seussical." Kraska, who played a bird girl named Cha-Cha, said the first night she was nervous, but, "The audience was so good I instantly felt at ease." She has been acting since seventh grade and still, the hardest part about acting for her is remembering all her lines and staying in character. To prepare for her role, she had to practice being goofy and dancing all the time.



Playing Gertrude McFuzz, Senior Amanda Degard, said she was a little nervous about being her character because she usually does not sing. She has been acting since seventh grade. To prepare for her role she said, "I took voice lessons and watched birds." The hardest part for her was learning all the music.



Special Treat for All



As Horton and Gertrude attempt to hold hands, all the characters of "Seussical" come together to sing. Senior Jenni Festa said she has been acting and performing since sixth grade. Jenni said she loves to participate in the drama program. "It brings me one step closer to achieving my goal of becoming a Broadway actor," said Festa. Even though it was hard work, they all said they enjoyed the experience.



In character as Horton the Elephant, Senior Michael Finchum listens for the "Whos" in this Dr. Seuss adapted musical.



"My little sister helped me to learn to speak with attitude and be sour," said Sheena Mitchell, a Junior. She played the Sour Kangaroo. The hardest part of her character was to remember to always stay in character. This is her fourth year acting. She said, "I never really get nervous."

Jojo listens attentively to The Cat in the Hat as he sings and dances his way around on stage. Jessica Graves, a Merrillville Intermediate School student played Jojo. Senior Nolan Buck played The Cat in the Hat. To prepare for his role, Buck said, "I read the play and looked through Dr. Seuss books so I could learn his stance."

See How They Act



In the spring play, Senior Jenni Festa reacts by clenching onto Junior Joseph Mireles' back. Mireles played Corporal Olive Winton, a United States Army Sergeant. "I really had a ton of fun with this part," said Mireles. Even though it was challenging, Mireles said he had no time to stop and think about anything, let alone his numerous costume changes. Festa said that she had a fun time playing Penelope Toop in the spring performance. "I had some mixed emotions when this play was finished. Although I was sad that it was over, I thought it was a great show to end on," Festa stated.



While conversing over a cup of tea in the play "See How They Run," Seniors Alexandra Garritano and Michael Finchum play the characters Miss Skillon and Rev. Lionel Toop. Garritano explained that this character was different from any other role she had ever played because it was more physical. "It was a really good way to end my senior year," Garritano said. "I got to play an old, nosy British lady, and I had fun with it," Garritano explained. Finchum, a veteran performer of 14 plays, said that this play was a great success. "Both casts were awesome. We really didn't have an 'off' night. Everything went great," Finchum explained.





Exchanging glances, Sophomore Michelle Deming, Sophomore Michael Cameron, Senior Bianca Mizimakoski, Freshman Cody Stewart and Senior Michael Finchum perform a scene from "See How They Run." Drama instructor Mrs. Beverley Seaver said that the students rose to the occasion and did an excellent job accepting the new intimate setting. Mrs. Seaver explained that she prepared her students for the play by showing them the film, "Private Lives." This film contained characters who related to the characters in "See How They Run." This enabled the students to get a better understanding of the characters they were portraying in the play. Mrs. Seaver also provided the performers with dialect CDs so that they could perfect their British accents. Mizimakoski said that she enjoyed how well the cast worked together. "This play was a good chance for new people to be cast," she said.



As they grasp each other's hands, Junior Joseph Mireles and Sophomore Michelle Deming act out a scene from "See How They Run." Drama teacher Mrs. Beverley Seaver described Mireles' role as chaotic. "He's always running around on the stage with quick costume changes," she said. Mireles said he "had a ton of fun." Mireles added that he loved his character because it was his first lead role. Deming was one of the underclassmen who had the chance to prove her ability. Mrs. Seaver said, "There were some new faces playing some important roles in this production." Above all, Mrs. Seaver said that the cast did an excellent job.

With a perplexed expression on his face, Junior Daniel Nieman II points a gun at his target. "Playing Rev. Lionel Toop was a lot of fun," Nieman expressed. Nieman said that this play was a success because it drew in a lot of people. While the audience was seated on stage for the first time, Nieman said that it actually helped him and that he enjoyed the new experience. "It gave me more adrenaline to see the audience so up close and personal." Nieman said he enjoyed getting laughs from the audience. Drama teacher Mrs. Beverley Seaver said, "I never saw a time when the audience wasn't laughing hysterically."



To greet fellow cast members, Senior Elena Estes opens the closet door. Being one of Estes' first large speaking roles, she had the opportunity to play a boisterous Miss Skillon. "I had so much fun playing this role," Estes said. "Not only did I get to speak with a British accent, but I also got to play a drunk. Everyone loves to see that," Estes said. Estes added that the small cast got along well with one another, therefore making it easier to act with the other students. Photos by Golas

Much to the crowd's enjoyment.

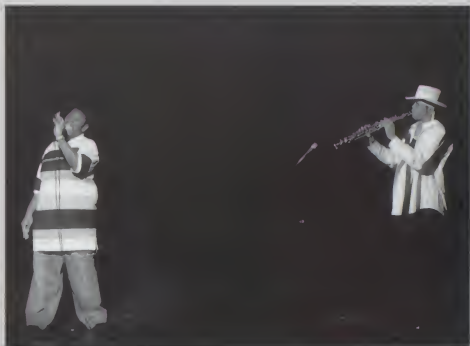
Sophomore Brian Fucher and Junior Pedro Torres carry "frozen" Junior Jermel Miller during their dance routine at the Revue January 12 and 13. While Junior Mercedes Strickland crouches to the floor to give the crowd a better view of the breakdancers. Their dance group, "Sick Wild It," had a combination of both breakdancing and hip-hop dancing. "We practiced like two or three hours every night," said Fucher. Miller said he has been dancing for six years and that they created their dance from Ciara's "1, 2 Step" music video. "It felt awesome to be up there performing in front of all those people and to hear them yell your name," said Fucher. "Sick Wild It" was my favorite act in the Revue," said Sophomore Edward Leonard. "They can all dance really well."



English teacher and pom-pom coach Ms. Melissa Volkman taps away to Ciara's song, "1, 2 Step." Ms. Volkman was one of three teachers that performed in the revue. "I feel that it's important for staff to get involved with the student body outside of the classroom," she said. "It's great for the students to see that teachers know how to have fun too." Ms. Volkman also saw this as an opportunity to perform again in front of a crowd. "It's really the first chance I've had to perform since graduating from Purdue," she said. Ms. Volkman has been dancing for 22 years, and she said she decided to tap because "nobody else was doing it." Even though she had trouble hearing her music over the deafening screams of the crowd, she was excited and pumped up while performing.



Reviewing the Revue



Accompanied by Sophomore Jafar Abdul-Hafiz on the saxophone, Sophomore Edward Leonard sings his rendition of Usher's song "You Got It Bad." Leonard, who has been singing since the age of six, practiced at least two hours a week as preparation for the show. "I picked this song because it complimented my voice and I thought I could perform it well," said Leonard. Abdul-Hafiz, who also performed a solo saxophone act, began playing along to the song one day in rehearsal. "I was just feeling it," he said. Leonard agreed that the music went well with his performance, and asked Abdul-Hafiz to play with him in the Revue.



With Junior Donald Toth playing the guitar, Senior Nolan Buck sings Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven." "Donnie came to me and asked me if I would sing this for him," Buck said. "I thought it would be a good way to talk about how sad it is that people are dying all over the world." Frequent performances in front of people combined with years of experience kept Buck and Toth confident about their performance. Buck decided to dedicate the performance to the troops and civilians who are dying in Iraq. "I think people are losing sight of the fact that innocent civilians are dying for no reason. I just think it's sad. It's important for people to remember them," Buck said.

Joining the crowd of teachers who performed in the year's revue, English teacher Mrs. Allison Carter sings the song "Kiss Me" by Sixpence None The Richer, while strumming away on her acoustic guitar. "I've been singing for nine years, and I've been playing the guitar for four years," she said. Her students asked her to perform this year in the Revue, and she said they were delighted by her performance. "I picked a song they would know and enjoy," she said. "My students all complimented me on my performance."

Repeating his tradition of opening the Revue, English teacher Mr. John Lambersie performs a risqué dance in a skirt and wig. "There was some uncomfortableness with the skirt and fishnets, but I'm a trooper," said Mr. Lambersie. With only about one hour of practice under his skirt, Mr. Lambersie danced with confidence in front of his students. "They are used to me doing stupid stuff," he said. Mr. Lambersie was asked to open the Revue his first year here, and he has been doing it ever since. He said he has no plans to wear a skirt ever again, but replied that he was willing to do "anything for the show." (Photo illustration by Sean Kinsey)

Freshman Vanessa Alexander remains in deep concentration while twirling her flag. "I enjoyed doing flags more than the rifles," she said, because of her experience in baton twirling. Since the team only lost two girls to graduation, Alexander said she believes that the team will do well next year.

With a smile on her face and a flag in her hand, Junior Jacklyn Goralczyk performs during half time of a football game. "I enjoy competing at the competitions more than performing at the football games. People are more involved at the competitions," said Goralczyk. She had much experience prior to high school because she participated on a baton team for several years, but she believes she has improved since her freshman year.



Color Guard

Front Row: Ari Meux, Vanessa Alexander, Jahlik Brown; Second Row: Angelica Nunn, Valerie Angotti, Megan Fisch, Tiara Jordan; Back Row: Khameice Jones, Jessica Savin, Jacklyn Goralczyk



With flag in hand, Senior Eleha Estes anticipates her next move. "I love doing tosses. It requires a lot of skill," said Estes. After participating in band for her first three years of high school, Estes joined the Color Guard and Winter Guard teams her senior year and was named Winter Guard captain.

In motion with her rifle in hand, Sophomore Colleen Madafferi performs during a competition. The team really enjoyed the competitions this year and felt they had good team spirit.



Spinning her flag, Senior Trenika Williams focuses on executing the maneuver. Williams, along with Eleha Estes, were the only seniors on the Winter Guard team this year. This was also Williams' first year on the Color Guard team. "As a team we have a lot of spirit. We get along really well," said Estes.



As they wait to start, Sophomores Megan Fisch, Colleen Madafferi, Michelle Deming and Freshman Vanessa Alexander watch for their signal. "Many people are returning next year, so I think we will do well," said Alexander. Even though the Color Guard team did not do as well as members wanted in the competitions this year, they said they improved tremendously throughout the season.



Twirling True Colors

Photos by Giolas and Erin Knight

Color Guard & Winter Guard 85

Vocalteens

Front Row: Jared Perkins, Felicity Graves, Donald Toth, Jacqueline Hartford, James Rowe III, Jenni Festa; Second Row: Jens Douglas, Erica Aloia, Shaun Wood, Courtney Miller; Third Row: Daniel Nieman II, Brittany Jones, Evangelina Rojo, Drake Branda, Lindsey Trock; Back Row: Marcus Patikas, Niki Kraska, Brandon Loudermilk, Katherine Kaplar



Choralteens

Front Row: Alexander Graves, Casey Sieb, Felicity Graves, Jacqueline Hartford, Jenni Festa, Courtney Miller, Erica Aloia, Stephanie Pavlish, Morgan Gill, Jared Perkins; Second Row: Michael Cameron, Sheena Mitchell, Ineke McMillan, Paige Patterson, Megan Lee, Brittany Jones, Lindsey Trock, Shakiya Wiley, Shana Williams, Donald Toth; Third Row: James Rowe III, Nicole Olivares, Heather Cooper, Tiffany Jones, Holly Floyd, Katherine Kaplar, Niki Kraska, Evangelina Rojo, Gary Willey; Back Row: Jens Douglas, Daniel Nieman II, Matthew Douglas, Drake Branda, Joe Purevich, Marcus Patikas, Nolan Buck, Brandon Loudermilk, Shaun Wood



Concert Choir

Front Row: Sharon Mercado, Justin Jacobs, Garry Morrow, Christopher Logan, Brendan Delaney, Ian Hernandez, Matthew Littrell, Cody Stewart, Azib Parker; Second Row: Arielle Anderson, Tamisha Brown, Lee Dixon III, Anthony Hillsman, Kenneth Smith, Douglas Domikaitis, Ryan Halbe, Renee Schmelmyer, JaQuita Jones; Third Row: Samanthah Kaiser, Nyla Young, Ryan Sandefur, Floyd Baylor, Benjamin Smithers, James Johnson, Corey Holtz, NaQuita Elmore, Whitney Griggs; Back Row: Gen Wirtz, Melissa Coman, Charles Pennington, Patrick Geeze, Dwayne Moore, Brandon Fles, Danyel Jefferson, Dwayne Johnson, Christopher Burke, Hillary Cooke, Christina Kratimenos



A Little Music, Please



"Music is a good way of freeing the spirit. It's uplifting every second, every minute, every hour of the day, each and every day." Mr. Roger Ehlig, Choir Director



Velveteens

Front Row: Stephanie Matson, Alexis Gedda, Ashley Elser, Dana Sylva; Second Row: Michelle Deming, Carla Emmett, Sarita Hunter, Brandy Dieterle, Jaclyn Boskamp; Third Row: Pamela Johnson, Ashley Amey, Crystal White, Katherine Naglosky; Back Row: Ashley Deik, Kimberly Barnes



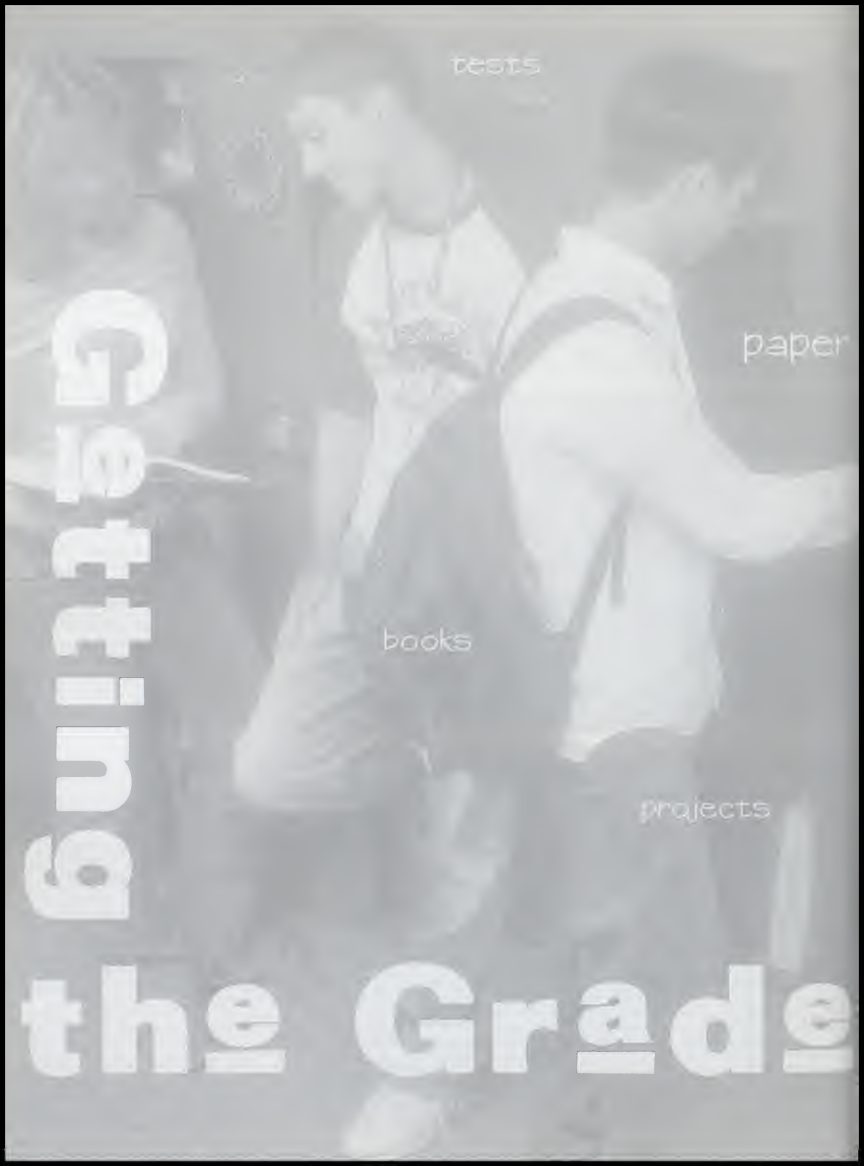
Varsity Choir - Soprano

Front Row: Nicole Hatch, Brianna Vranickoski, Vanessa Alexander, Vanessa Sadural, Kathrine Harold, Lindsay Marosi; Second Row: Hannah Watkins, Danielle Metlovski, Kiara Wills, Angela Rousis, Taylor Madison, Debra Harstad, Charnel Forbes, Heather Walker; Third Row: Antoinette Neal, Shlyanva Wiley, Shakira Bell, Krystie Reed, Brianna Jenkins, Theresa Rizo, Brianna Ursery; Back Row: Lindsey Hauber, Megan McNeil, Kelli Climack, Clarissa Ehlers, Stephanie Donohue, Jessica Myren, Shannell Parks, Kelsey Beshears



Varsity Choir - Alto

Front Row: Alyssa Cast, Tracy Lucas, Britney Cruise, Chiara Clanton, Amirah Butler, Tiffany Holland, Paula Ketchum; Second Row: Kamary Nunn, Pamela Agoris, Caitlin Fenik, Dionne Dean, Gabrielle Briscoe, Arasell Lagunas, Desiree Upshaw; Third Row: Katie Wilson, Britney Curry, Brandi Griffin, Sheryl Dillon, Despina Lozevski, Andrea Smith; Back Row: Britney Maddox-Lee, Tianna Ceaser, Ashley Thompson, Natasha Bailey, Sarah Richards, Jessica Boursier



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Expressions Through Creativity



Working on her foil project, Freshman Kimberly O'Reilly explains that it is supposed to be two pairs of wolves looking in the direction of the moon. O'Reilly had a modest opinion of her art when she said, "People say I'm good, but I look at it and I don't think so." O'Reilly has taken three art classes: Ceramics, 2-D Art, and Woods. Her third and fourth hour classes, Advanced Ceramics and 2-D Art, are both taught by Mr. Terry Pratt. The two worked out a system so they would not get sick of each other. "We have our thing where he leaves me alone and I leave him alone," joked O'Reilly.

**"Talent is something I believe in learning."
"A creative environment produces creative people."
Mr. Terry Pratt**

While Sophomore Cory King sketches out his next drawing, Freshman Ambrosia Hill listens to "Salt Shaker" by Lil' Jon as she works on her relief sculpture. Both were in their first semester of 2-D Art. King's favorite project was his chalk drawing. "I like working with pencils and chalk. I'm magnificent," King said. Hill continued King's flattery when she said, "Yeah, he can draw really well." Hill likes making sculptures more than she likes drawing, and plans to take Advanced 2-D Art next year.



First time ceramic students, Freshman Demetrios Volikas, Junior Jessica Milla, Freshman Megan Oliver and Sophomore David Lobodinski, take as they sculpt and paint their pinch pots. All agreed that the class was harder than they thought it would be. "I thought it was going to be easy," said Milla. Despite the difficulty level, Oliver said, "I like it; my favorite part is painting." Ceramics is Milla and Lobodinski's second art class with Mrs. Janet Anderson; they also have her advanced photography class.



"The mask is my favorite, but it's taking too long to do," said Senior Jocelyn Russell, as she added the final details to her project. This is Russell's first time in 2-D Art, but she is no rookie to drawing. When Russell gets inspiration, she will doodle on anything. "I draw on the back of envelopes and napkins," she said. Russell plans to further her art career and major in fashion design at Ball State University.



Quotable Quote



"I like to see how they start with an idea. I have talented kids who are afraid to show their talent."

Mrs. Janet Anderson

Academic Decathlon

This competition features ten events, including math, science, English, social studies, economics, music, art, an interview and a speech. Each team member competes in all events. This year's theme was ancient cultures, and the team was first in the area competition for large schools. At the state meet they placed fifth. Front Row: Marissa Duncan, Bonnie Payo, Trenika Williams; Second Row: Mr. John Lambersie, Joe Sobek, Charles Cole, Mr. Scott Staley; Back Row: Richard Hartline, Cheng-Wei Chiang, Elliott Johnson, William Crosby



Quiz Bowl

Quiz Bowl is an academic competition that tests general knowledge. Four members make up a team, with alternates able to switch between rounds. The team tied for seventh in the Duneland conference. After winning the tournament they advanced to state, where they went 1-2. Front Row: Joe Sobek, Trenika Williams, Charles Cole; Second Row: Mr. John Lambersie, Cheng-Wei Chiang, John Goosby III, Mr. Scott Staley; Back Row: Richard Hartline, Elliott Johnson, William Crosby, James O'Reilly

Spell Bowl

During competition one speller from each school competes in a round, with each student spelling nine words. The ninth word counts as a regular word and as a tie-breaker. The team placed second at the DAC Invitational. Koray Semenuk and Jocelyn Russell earned perfect scores. In the Area Meet, the team placed fourth and Johnyce Goosby earned a perfect score. Goosby, Russell and John Goosby III are Duneland Conference All-Stars. Front Row: Johnyce Goosby, Angelica Nunn, Mrs. Evelyn Steiner; Second Row: John Goosby III, Trenika Williams, Fiyinfoluwa Obajuluwa; Back Row: Khameice Jones, Daniel Sparks



Brainiac Bowl Strikes Gold



Super Bowl

This year's focus for Super Bowl was Russian History, and the competitions in math, science, English, social studies and fine arts all worked off of that time period. At competitions team members compete against schools in the Duneland and Lake Athletic Conferences. Front Row: Johnyce Goosby, Andrea Paulnitz, Thenika Williams; Second Row: John Goosby III, Mrs. Evelyn Steiner, Jola Warner, Joe Sobek; Third Row: Cheng-Wei Chiang, David Lopez, Charles Cole; Back Row: Mr. Rob Bedwell, Elliott Johnson, Ben Pankiewicz

Science Olympiad

In Science Olympiad students compete against students from different schools in 25 science events. The team is required to build projects and study the basics of life science, physical science and earth science. The team placed 11th at regionals, receiving one medal. Front Row: Thenika Williams, Amber Jimenez; Back Row: John Goosby III, Mr. Ian Rausel, Elliott Johnson



Quotable Quote

"I like participating in academic clubs because it is fun and everything that I learn in the clubs helps me with my schoolwork."



Sophomore John Goosby !!!

Senior Marissa Bankston

"It will be nice to have something to look at when we're older."



Quotable Quote



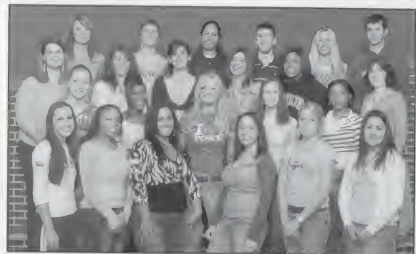
"I enjoy writing because I've been doing it for a couple of years, and it is fun," said Junior Morgan Zellers. Zellers was inducted into Quill and Scroll, an honorary club for students involved in publications. During the annual induction ceremony, the students lit candles and read about the different principles that journalists value. Being on the staff of a school publication and maintaining a grade point average that puts her in the top third of her class, Zellers qualified for membership in this national organization.



Hard at work: Seniors Johnyce Goosby and Marissa Bankston check their yearbook page proofs. Goosby, the Freshman Section Editor, also wrote captions, took pictures and put together other pages. Goosby said she believes that the yearbook provides a good representation of the school. Bankston explained, "It shows a record of what is happening now. It will be nice to have something to look at when we're older."

Junior Zachery Kamradt films Senior Julianne Coates as she anchors the morning news for students during the first hour class. The PNN staff also participates in other activities such as anchoring, video mixing, producing and helping to run the Friday Show. PNN provides an opportunity for hands-on learning. Kamradt explained, "PNN helps me pursue my dream of becoming a director and working on film."

Quill and Scroll



Newspaper



PNN & WMHS



Front Row: Jennifer Highsmith, Brittany Hamlin, Megan Frasca, Erica Fizer, Morgan Zellers, Joanna Salinas; Second Row: Erin Knight, Johnyce Goosby, Katie Spallaras, Jacqueline Hartford, Ashley Hinchey; Third Row: Laura Heldler, Danielle Nkrin, Elaina Gemelas, Nicole Steriovski, Marissa Bankston, Elena Estes; Back Row: Kristen Neese, Daniel Burkus, Priyanka Arshanapalli, Brendan Schafer, Kristy Polster, Thomas Slivka

Front Row: Jacqueline Hartford, Elena Estes, Morgan Zellers, Joanna Salinas; Back Row: Katie Spallaras, Thomas Slivka

Front Row: Jenni Festa, Irene Thico, Melody Gomez, Jessica Francis, Callie Lucas, Ashley Thomas; Second Row: Julianne Coates, Krystal Marshall, Kristy Polster, Analay Carrera, Tyona Marshall, Mr. Mark Ciesielski; Third Row: Ashish Arshanapalli, Justin Burke, Daryl Arthur, Kristen Neese, Brittany Huish, Amber Jimenez; Back Row: Elaina Gemelas, Darren Anderson, Edward Jones, Nate Powell

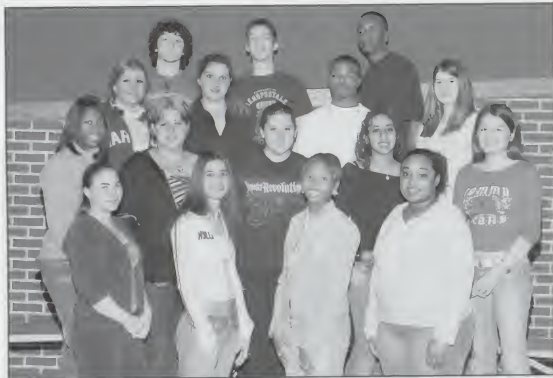
In a group, the newspaper staff discusses the next edition of The Mirror. The Mirror is published once every month. Senior Elena Estes said, "The Mirror acts as a voice for the students. It is a way that students can read funny things that are relevant to them." With four students as part of the permanent staff, they rely on Journalism class students and others to create a paper full of current news, opinions, sports and special features. Senior Jacqueline Hartford said she likes "seeing how people react."

Bringing MHS The News



Students Become HEROES at the Blood Drive

Taking advantage of her opportunity to help save someone's life Senior DeAundra Johnson decides to give blood. Johnson rested nervously because this was her first time giving blood. Despite her fears she decided to continue to give blood. "When I was younger I needed a blood transfusion and I was fortunate enough to receive one. So I thought that it was an obligation to do the same for someone else as well," said Johnson.



Front Row: Ashley Robinson, Amanda Brunn, Shania Anthony, Ashley Walker; Second Row: Anitra Robinson, Brenna Madaffert, Megan Grezovski, Adriana Colon, Marjana Suleska; Third Row: Meghan Schafer, Kendall Maddox, De Marces Braziel, Anita Pejowski; Back Row: Sahson Karimi, David Smith, Andrew Ford



Educating classes about the blood drive. Seniors Anitra Robinson, Marjana Suleska and Anita Pejowski go to certain classes talking about the blood drive that is sponsored by HERO. "HERO stands for Helping Employers Reach Opportunity," said Robinson. HERO promotes the blood drive for high-risk weekends such as prom and Memorial Day weekends. Suleska said that their goal was to collect 150 pints or more; however, they only received 110 pints, because of the requirements that were not met for taking blood."

Environmental Club Makes a Splash

Front Row: Mr. Paul Weeks, Andrea Paulnitz, Ashlee Holland, Nicholas Hirjak, Jessica Williams; Back Row: Zach Sperling, Don Whitemore, Scott Stephen, Kendall Maddox, Jeffrey Yelton





Senior Jakob Friess

"In the U.S. everything is just bigger, and you can drive at 16."

Quotable Quote

Spending time with his new family, Senior Sebastian Van Wickern, a foreign exchange student from Germany, gets acclimated to a new person. "I enjoy getting the chance to experience schools in the United States, but when I go back to Germany, I have to still complete two more years of school. In Germany we have school for 13 years without kindergarten," said Van Wickern.



Enjoying the haunted hay ride Senior Sebastian Van Wickern takes a picture with the new friends that he made in school. "It is difficult leaving your family behind, but I gained a lot of experience from the family that I am staying with," said Van Wickern. "They are very nice and I thank them for the opportunity that they have given me." Van Wickern leaves for Germany after graduation and said, "I might return to the United States for college or for college exchange, but not in the next few years because I have to finish school in Germany."



As he plays a game of Monopoly, Senior Jakob Friess and Sophomores Carla Emmett and Kara Vislosky engage in a conversation about Friess's first few nights in America. Friess is a foreign exchange student who was selected from Germany to come to the United States. "I was sad to be leaving my parents, but the excitement from being picked to come here did not make me think about it too much more," said Friess. Friess really did not know what to expect coming here, but one thing that he did notice was transportation. "You need a car for everything; in Germany we use buses and trains."

Foreign Exchange Students Break into American Culture

Students Armed for the Future

Unlike students in a normal course, the ROTC students stand at attention at the beginning of each class. The ROTC students are required to wear their uniforms every Thursday and are graded on their appearance. "Major (Guy) Ramey puts his glasses on and we undergo uniform inspections," said Senior Krista Dora. To Major Ramey, "discipline is the most important thing" that students learn in this class.



"The ROTC program is beneficial because it's more hands on, and we're active in everything we do."

Senior Core Commander Krista Dora



In order to help feed the needy, Freshman John Perkins fills a box with collected foods from the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The ROTC motto is "Making better citizens for our country," and that is exactly what this course does. "Our biggest expectation is effort," said Major Guy Ramey. "This program focuses on community service and shows us how to act in uniform," said Senior Krista Dora. When these students are not planning community service events or practicing for drill competitions, they have a normal weekly schedule. On Mondays and Tuesdays, class focuses on leadership, and for the rest of the week, class focuses on aviation history.



Marching to the beat of their own drum, Juniors Carlos Pagan and Brandon Urquidí, Freshman Danielle Kachmar and Sophomore Christopher Burke represent the ROTC program in the 2004 Merrillville Holiday Parade. The parade was one of the many activities the ROTC participated in, including drill competitions, Hidden Lake's Festival of Lights, Christmas gift-wrapping and the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Quotable Quote



"I just hope that the students learn our motto: Making better citizens for our country."

Major Guy Ramsey



At the Change of Command Ceremony, Technical Sergeant Michael Miller gives Senior Krista Dora the title of Core Commander. Because she plans a future in the Army, Dora said she believes this course will help her excel in her military career in logistics. "This class teaches leadership skills, responsibility and community service," said Dora. "We also learn how to properly wear a uniform and it keeps us actively involved," added Dora.

Photos by Erin Knight and provided by ROTC

Where There's a Wheel There's a Way



"It's a great way to get your fill when you've got that chemical imbalance," said Senior Greg Nicksch as he works with Senior Mehmet Acunul. Nicksch believes his teacher, Mr. James Johnston "doesn't just go the extra mile; he goes the extra 5,000 miles. He has the best job in the world. We clean his rims for him."

**"If you have any
questions about oil
changes, ask Matt
Sopko where the oil
filter is."**

Michael Moriarty



Working as a team, Junior Justin Gust and Senior Michael Moriarty make repairs to a car, Moriarty said. "I took this class for basic knowledge and so I could fix my own car and wouldn't have to pay for it at the dealer." Gust and Moriarty said a typical day in auto shop consists of changing oil, working on cars and helping other students with their cars.

With concentration and a little bit of elbow grease, Senior Matt Sopko changes a tire. Auto shop students fix the cars of students, teachers and Merrillville residents and charge for parts but not for labor. Auto shop teacher, Mr. James Johnston, said, "Everyone has a car, drives a car and they don't want to get tripped off."



It is not scary for Seniors Chris Sternberg and Steve Stackert to have a truck hovering over their heads: they do it everyday in auto shop class. Both plan on majoring in auto diesel at the Universal Technical Institute. "I became interested in mechanics because I always broke things, so I had to learn how to fix them," said Sternberg. Auto shop students are graded on clean tools and a clean work environment, as well as abilities and knowledge of car parts. Stackert said, "The class is really laid back, but we're always up and doing something."



Quotable Quote



"It's a riot and we have a blast. School should be fun in my eyes."

Mr. James Johnston

The ringing of the gong and the pounding of the gavel signify the beginning of every AKtion Club meeting. Officer Meredith Harris said her responsibility is to take roll after the meeting has officially begun. "I like it a lot. It is a lot of fun," said another officer, Jason Nyongani, about being part of the AKtion Club. The meetings took place on the third Thursday of each month.



Dancing with Mr. Larry Juzwicki, the Director of Security, is a memory that TeNita Jamison will have for a lifetime. "I had a lot of fun with Mr. Juzwicki and I would love to do it again," said Jamison. The Inclusion Dance was in the cafeteria. "My favorite memory about this dance was dancing with Mr. Juzwicki and having fun with all of my friends," Jamison said.



Special Education students help the community by joining AKtion Club, an organization for special needs students that is affiliated with the local Kiwanians. AKtion Club members provide many services for the school and the community. They help at a soup kitchen, clean the campus and collate the school newspaper each month for distribution. Front Row: Paul Terrebonne, Aerial Smith, TeNita Jamison, Meredith Harris, Russell Parkhurst; - Second Row: Justin Burgess, Tommy Phifer, Dane Sparr; Back Row: Barb Dlouhy - sponsor; Ele Kookich, Daniel Avery, Ka Ross; - assistant sponsor.



Darren Johnson and Kiana Smith show off their skills on the dance floor while Para-Professional Mrs. Robin Dietrich looks on. Many adults volunteered their time to help supervise the Inclusion Dance, and ensure that all of the students had a good time.

To encourage students to come out on the floor, Mrs. Irene Kelsey dances with the students so that they will have a great time. "Dancing with the kids was what I enjoyed most about this dance," said Mrs. Kelsey. The girls spent the day getting their hair and nails done for the big night.



"This is such a feel good-activity," said Family and Consumer Science teacher Mrs. Margaret Stallings. Mrs. Stallings and her daughter, Mary Beth, enjoy a laugh after checking students in to the Inclusion Dance February 17. "We had more students attend than we've had in ages," Mrs. Stallings said. "And they were from different schools. We had kids from Crown Point and Lowell." Mrs. Stallings and Mary Beth volunteer their time each year for the dance, sponsored by the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. "It's really a department venture," Mrs. Stallings noted. "Besides, this is a wonderful opportunity for these students to have a good time."

Special Education students leave their marks

field trips

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A black and white photograph of three students standing in a hallway. On the left, a girl in a light-colored sweater and a fringed skirt. In the center, a girl in a white t-shirt with a graphic and dark pants, pointing her right hand towards the left. On the right, a boy in a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, looking down at something in his hands. The background is a simple hallway with a door visible.

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STAND Showcases Diversity



STAND

Front Row: Johnyce Goosby, Natalie Madrid, Victoria Blanco, Christina McCord, Brittane Harris, Ashley Jimenez, Krista Dora, Shamira Malone, Monica Winbush, Corina Collins, Clarissa Ehlers, Jameela Long; Second Row: Amber Akhlaq, Beverly Haro, Alexandra LaPinta, Tina Fitzpatrick, Desiree Walker, Danielle Roberts, Britney Maddox-Lee, Brandon Kapitan, Nataasia Williams, Lauren Payne, Danny Lackey; Third Row: Sully Haro, Joseph Mireles, Claudia Tirado, Kristy Shelson, Krystle Reed, Lagina Williams, Shekinah Taylor, Trenka Williams, Kimberly Simmons, Robert Wright, Dennis Howell; Back Row: Vincent Ligon, Victor Williams, Evangelina Rojo, Kiera Shelton, Blake Sohacki, Keith Dean Jr., Andrew Binder, Daniel Nieman II, Justin White, Sayid Abdul Hafiz



Helping the students on stage, Junior Holly Floyd and Seniors Kiera Shelton and Sayid Abdul Hafiz participate in the workshops at Merrillville Intermediate School. Shelton, who has been in STAND for five years, said that she first joined STAND because her friends joined, but now she cares about helping to change the world and her community. "The children respond to our group activities very well and they like to participate," said Senior Andrew Binder. Binder, who has been in STAND for two years, tries to teach the students to work together to accomplish goals.



While Senior Sayid Abdul Hafiz watches with a laugh, the students participate in the napkin game. "The napkin starts on the tip of your tongue and you have to try to get the entire napkin in your mouth with no use of the hands," said Abdul Hafiz. This friendly competition served as a source of entertainment.

Anxiously wanting to be called upon, the students volunteer for an activity on stage. "At first the students didn't want to go up, but after the first group had so much fun, everyone wanted to participate," said Senior Kiera Shelton. STAND, an acronym for Socially Together and Naturally Diverse, has been directed by Guidance Counselor Mr. Danny Lackey for seven years. Mr. Lackey came to MHS in 2002 from Clifford Pierce Middle School, where he directed STAND for three years.





The thing I like best about Key Club is the cooperation students have with each other to agree on the best possible solution," said Freshman Jennifer Weger. Weger participated in the Disabilities Awareness activity and helped the first graders put together puzzles, read books and play games with goggles that weakened their



As she works with first graders at Edgar L. Miller Elementary for the Disabilities Awareness project, Freshman Shannon Bier handles the visual impairments activity. Bier plans to be Key Club's secretary next year. "The activity really gave me insight to what it would be like to be a child with a disability," said Bier.



Key Club

Front Row: Lagna Williams, Devin Wilson, Jessica Daniels, Kendra Wilson; Second Row: Cara Zimmerman, Krista Dora, Madeline Covert, Carla Emmett, Jahlil Brown; Third Row: Shannell Parks, Cynthia Diaz, Geoffrey Sperling, Erika Rouse, Shannon Bier, Ashley Elser; Fourth Row: Mary Kate Dixon, Rachael Heiser, Quoc Nguyen, Sara Furman, Pedro Lara, Nicole Jones; Back Row: Krystie Reed, Tiarra Jordan, Melissa Darang, Kimberly Vanek, Mrs. Carrie Bedwell



While raising money for Camp Riley at the Key Club Carnival, Senior Erika Rouse supervises the painting of the pumpkins. Key Club sponsor Mrs. Carrie Bedwell said, "Camp Riley charges \$1200 per person for camp, and our carnival helps with the cost." MHS Key Club was named the Distinguished Key Club, the highest honor bestowed to a Key Club in the state.



Eager to help the children, Sophomore Rahdric Dix said he enjoys the activities for Disabilities Awareness Month because he has a younger sister and is used to working with young children. His activity involved helping children button their shirts with socks over their hands in order to show them the difficulties children with impaired motor skills deal with daily. Dix said, "I had fun teaching younger kids something new."

Key Club Members Focus on Helping the Community

While they relax between matches, Freshman Andrew Quick and Senior Gen Wirtz compete against each other to stimulate their minds. At a typical practice, Wirtz said they "play a serious game" with a better player. Wirtz usually played her boyfriend, Roy Bishop, Junior. Even though she admitted Bishop was the better player, Wirtz said that Junior Robert Martin was the strongest member because he played the longest and he had guidance from his mother, Mrs. M.J. Martin, who was the coach.



At the state competition in Terre Haute, Juniors Roy Bishop and Cheng-Wei Chiang, Sophomore Donald Bhe and Junior Robert Martin face students from Elkhart Central. Chiang said Bhe was "the only one I might have a problem with." Chiang was victorious in four games, with Freshman Benjamin Rager behind him with three and one half wins. The members chose a logo of a chess piece with a Pirate head on it that said, "Can't Touch This."



Chess Club

Front Row: Ben Dandino, Andrew Quick, Nathan Manning, Christopher Coto; Second Row: Elizabeth Bandy, Benjamin Rager, Alissa Taylor, James Aeschliman, Gen Wirtz; Third Row: Melissa Corman, Cody Niles, Michael Martin, Joel Fles; Back Row: Roy Bishop, Elliot Johnson, Robert Martin, James Simanson, Mrs. M.J. Martin



Between rounds, Junior Harry Boskamp III, Freshman Michael Martin, Sophomore Donald Bhe and Juniors Scott Stephen and Cheng-Wei Chiang replay games to keep the momentum. Since the team had to leave the school at 3:30 a.m. to travel to the competition, members sold a variety of candy after school in order to raise money for hotel rooms for the 2006 season. Member Gen Wirtz, senior, said they just had a "lack of sleep."

Chess Members Learn to Keep Their Queen

Community Projects Keep FCCLA Members Active in Community



During the Winter Formal, senior co-president Kimberly Vanek and Mrs. Margaret Stallings transport food to the cafeteria. Vanek was in charge of planning meetings and making sure everything was organized. During her four years in FCCLA, Vanek said she enjoyed "being involved with so many people and working together with others." She said FCCLA helped teach her practical skills and prepared her for the future.

Family, Career and Consumer Leaders of America

Front Row: Jamie Sieb, Letitia Bella, Valerie Angotti, Allana Fleck, Desiree Walker, Andrea Warman, Michelle Deming; Second Row: Ashlee Holland, Cynthia Diaz, Samantha Lowe, Pedro Lara, Cherelle Dunn, Mary Kate Dixon, Ms. Carol Von Behren; Third Row: Victor Williams, Joia Warner, Jessica Matheny, Amanda Churilla, Johnnyce Goosby, Nataessia Williams, Rachael Thomas; Back Row: Shemeka Wright, Katie Wilson, Trenika Williams, Kimberly Vanek, Scott Mathewson, Robert Mason, Sayid Abdul-Hafiz, Lagina Williams



As they present their ideas in front of others at the Fall Rally, Sophomores Jamie Sieb, Valerie Angotti and Andrea Warman work together. During their two-night stay at the Fall Rally, members of FCCLA were involved in a variety of activities that stressed leadership. Throughout the year, members spent a lot of time together during the activities they set up. "Everyone that's in it is really committed. We're like one big happy family," said Angotti.



Designing the float for the Homecoming Parade was "one of the funnest activities we did this year," said Sophomore Valerie Angotti. The idea behind their float was transforming the "Finding Nemo" movie into the theme. "Catch a victory." Since the game was against Michigan City, two of the members dressed up as wolves. "This activity enabled us to do something other than working on community and school projects," said Angotti.



Busy at work, FCCLA members give input on the blood drive. Besides sponsoring the April blood drive, FCCLA set up the Winter Formal, a fundraiser for Riley's Children's Hospital, the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Valentine's Day Inclusion Dance. Along with the co-presidents, Senior Kimberly Vanek and Sophomore Valerie Angotti, Sponsor Ms. Carol Von Behren spent much of her time devoted to planning these events.

Photos by Gias. Others provided by Ms. Carol Von Behren and Mrs. M.J. Martin.

German Club

Front Row: Kelsey Beshears, Nicole Hatch, Mr. Al Stoner; Back Row: Elliott Johnson, Jonathon Sturgeon, Kyle Lamb, Micheal Martin



Instructing the club on how to say numbers and years in Russian, Yevheniy Bezvin, who moved here from the Ukraine in 2003, helps the other students learn the language that he grew up speaking. Bezvin, who often finds himself helping teach the class, said, "Since Russian is so difficult to learn, I enjoy helping English speaking students learn the language."



Russian Club

Front Row: Khember Jones, Alayna Bella, Yevheniy Bezvin;
Back Row: Ronald Lawrosky Jr., Donald Bhe, John Stoddard, Mr. Al Stoner



Memories come back to Junior Alayna Bella and Senior Khember Jones as they make a scrapbook that chronicles the trips and events of the Russian Club throughout the year. Bella said, "I like being in Russian Club because it's unique and I have a Slovak background that is similar to Russian."



Students Learn Cultures

Going out to eat at different Spanish and Mexican restaurants around the area, the Spanish Club learns about culture and custom.

Freshman Megan Gunn said, "We don't really do much at school, but we go out to eat a lot." Gunn said that she joined the club because she likes Spanish and wanted to get involved. "There are only about ten members, but I like the closeness," said Gunn.



Spanish Club

Front Row: Beverly Haro, Shamira Malone, Mrs. Mary Ann Bertram; Second Row: Chae Torres, Joia Warner, Trenika Williams; Back Row: Sully Haro, Kayla Watson, Allana Fleck, Claudia Tirado



"I chose to become active in the French Club because I enjoyed learning the language in class and wanted to get a wider view of the French customs and culture outside of the books," said Senior Natassia Williams, who is also the French Club President.



French Club

Front Row: Jenni Festa, Felicita Graves, Phyllisha Howard, Diana Ramirez; Second Row: Islam Baghdady, Simone Howard, Claudia Tirado, Morgan Zellers, Callie Lucas; Third Row: Aleha Lucas, Shemeka Wright, Natassia Williams, Jacqueline Hartford, Ashley Jones, Miss Irene Spiro; Back Row: Meisha Baker, Krystal Marshall, Kimberly Simmons, Andrew Binder, Charles Pennington

Through Language

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Society of Student Authors

Front Row: Krista Dora, Sirena Blas, Elena Estes, Shannon Bier;
Back Row: Miss Melissa Volkman, Kyle Yamell, Ben Pankiewicz,
Ryan Sandefur, Geoffrey Sperling



"SADD is all about thinking about the decisions you make and determining if they are good decisions," said Senior Samantha Wright. "I think the club is pretty self-explanatory. It represents students who are against destructive decisions," said Sheneka Wright. Being a member for three years, Wright helped plan promotions for the club. Prom pledges and Red Ribbon Week were some of the activities SADD sponsored to show the negativity behind the destructive decisions of drinking and doing drugs.

SADD President Vincent Ligon, senior, conducts a discussion at a weekly meeting. Ligon has been a member of SADD for four years. SADD emphasizes the negative effects of teen drinking, suicide and depression. Ligon helped the club sponsor events such as walk-a-thons and the candlelight walk. "I like being organized and taking the initiative to do something. It means a lot to make a positive change in someone's life," said Ligon.



Receiving advice from his sponsor, Miss Melissa Volkman, Freshman Ryan Sandefur learns how to build character in his writing skills. SOSA is a writers' workshop for students who are inspired to learn the fundamentals of creative writing. As a member of SOSA, one has the opportunity to critique others' writing to improve his own. "I definitely recommend others to join SOSA in the future. It's a great learning experience," said Sandefur.



Students Against Destructive Decisions

Front Row: Tina Fitzpatrick, Ashley Jimenez, Beverly Haro, Alexandra Pinta, Sully Haro; Second Row: Mrs. Erin Flores, Samantha Wright, Sheneka Wright, Kiera Shelton; Back Row: Kimberly Simmons, Ronnie Pedroza, Lagina Williams, Vincent Ligon, Evangelina Rajo



Class Officers



Class of 2008

Jessica Boursier and David Bonilla



Class of 2006

Megan Lee



Class of 2007

Ashish Arshanapalli, Ashlee Holland, Mary Kate Dixon, Richard Reddick III



Class of 2005

Front Row: Thomas Slivka, Priyanka Arshanapalli; Back Row: Jola Warner, Trenika Williams

At the beginning of a meeting, Juniors Cambria Hollingsworth and Kristin Brindley participate in a Peel-the-Snake Icebreaker. A typical meeting usually starts off with an icebreaker, then leads into a discussion about the last meeting and ends with any new business. Icebreakers are used mostly in the beginning of the year as a way for students to get to know each other.



As they whip up some cream pies, Freshman Pedro Lara, Sophomore Simone Howard, Junior Cheryl Munchenburg, Freshman David Bonilla and Sophomore Desiree Walker prepare for the Goofy Game activities. The Goofy Games are held during Football Homecoming Week and are among the most popular events sponsored by Student Government. Munchenburg said, "My favorite event was all the Homecoming activities. There is so much planning that goes into it and it is a true test of how much all the members really get along."



Huddling around the faucet in the lunchroom, Senior Sully Osorio and Junior Krystle Gill fill balloons with water for the balloon launch at the Goofy Games. "It is always a nerve-racking experience preparing for the Goofy Games because you do not know how many people will show up or how the classes will behave," said Gill. The Goofy Games created healthy competition and brought all four grade levels together for school spirit.

Actively Involved in School

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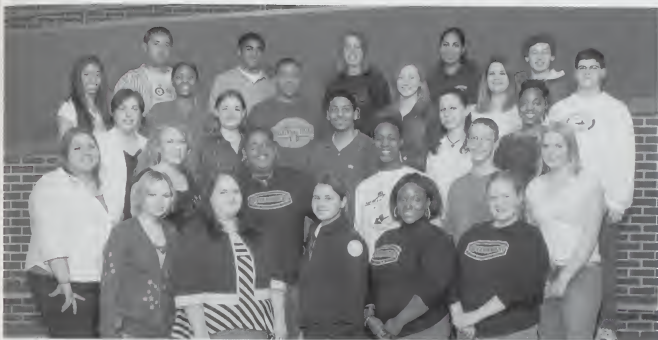
Sporting bright red Santa hats, a group from Student Government makes its way to an elementary school to deliver presents for the annual Christmas Wish List. Every year, Student Government asks each fourth hour class to sponsor a family in need during the holiday season. Needy children write out a special wish list of items they hope for, while their parents add items the children need. This event is one of Senior Laura Heidler's favorites. Heidler, the corresponding secretary of the group, said, "I love giving gifts to people. It's fun picking out the gifts for the little kids and then seeing their expressions when they receive them."



"It was hectic but we got the job done," said Freshman Pedro Lara about preparing for the Crush fundraiser benefiting Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Student Government began the fundraiser by buying different flavors of Crush and then attaching the special notes with colored ribbons. Lara said the reason for sending the pop is for students to finally tell those they admire that they have a crush on them. Other people just send them to their friends for fun and to help out a good cause. Lara said he has been involved with Student Government since elementary school because he is interested in becoming a senator in the future.



"I joined Student Government because I wanted to be more actively involved in my school. Being an enthusiastic participant in Student Government correlates to being a good class officer," said Senior Thomas Slivka. Slivka demonstrated being involved in different activities by taking a dive down the pudding slide at the Goofy Games. Slivka also said he likes being a part of Student Government because it is a way that students can become more involved with what goes on in their school instead of leaving everything up to the administration.



Student Government

Front Row: Cheryl Munchenburg, Sarah Wolf, Krista Dora, Simone Howard, Rebecca Hoffman; Second Row: Cynthia Diaz, Megan Lee, Jola Warner, Trenka Williams, Jacob Kapitan, Ashlee Holland; Third Row: Mary Kate Dixon, Krystle Gill, Pedro Lara, Kathryn Diehl, Lagiha Williams; Fourth Row: Jessica Boursier, Brianna Jenkins, Byron Turner II, Erin Knight, Laura Heidler, Corey Holtz; Back Row: David Bonilla, Ashish Arshanapalli, Kimberly Vanek, Priyanka Arshanapalli, Richard Reddick III. Not pictured: Desiree Walker and Niki Kraska.



Student Government Officers

Front Row: Byron Turner II; Second Row: Kathryn Diehl, Krystle Gill; Back Row: Kimberly Vanek, Cheryl Munchenburg, Laura Heidler

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During Stress Free Week, Senior officers Kimberly Vanek and Sophomore member Rebecca Hoffman explain the rules for the Peel-the-Snake contest. Stress Free Week was one of the many activities that Student Government sponsored throughout the year. It was a week full of events such as free massages, yoga classes and games, including Peel-the-Snake, which was offered to all fourth hour classes. The idea for the Peel-the-Snake contest was derived from one of the icebreakers used at a Student Government meeting to help the students bond.

Fall Homecoming is Mardi Gras Madness



Checking out the crowd, MHS graduates Brandon Miller and Joel Ramaley prepare to soak them with squirt guns. Senior Class President Joia Warner, riding on the truck, said the turnout for the parade was higher than usual. The senior float, based on the movie "Grease," won first place in the float competition.

As his classmates crowd around him, Sophomore Brian Pucher launches his slingshot. Pucher said he believed the games were a good chance to "meet new people and unite as a school - it gets you pumped for the big game."



With the popular cartoon movie "Finding Nemo" as the theme for their float, Family Career and Community Leaders of America cheer their Pirate football team on to a victory. Although the float took a week and a half of preparation, it only took an hour to put everything together. FOCLA Secretary, Jamie Sieb, sophomore, stated, "We had a lot of fun putting everything together. Everyone worked well together and in the end it all came out better than we expected."



Freshman Steven Lohse and Junior Samantha Kaiser take time out of the Homecoming activities to enjoy a slow dance together. The pair has been dating since August 2004. Lohse, a football player, said an added bonus was that "we won the game the night before."

Purple, green and gold decorations set the stage for the Mardi Gras dance theme. Junior Krystle Gill, the Student Government committee head for the dance, said the theme was picked "almost unanimously" because of the originality. Gill thinks the theme went over well, hearing students comment on "the great DJ and decorations."



Dancing to the Electric Slide, Junior Katherine Naglosky and Sophomore Mary Kate Dixon enjoy dancing with their friends. The girls liked the dance, especially going with friends. Dixon said it was fun because "there was good music and my friends made it fun."



In order to propel the sophomore class to a victory during the Water Balloon Toss portion of the Goofy Games, Sophomore Cody Dallas catches another water balloon for his team. "My main goal was to go out there, win and show everyone out there that I had talent."



A group of students dance together and start to get a rhythm. Attendees felt Homecoming was a great opportunity for students of all grades to come together and have a good time. Student Government President Kathryn Diehl, senior, said she believed the students "really enjoyed themselves because the atmosphere was more laid-back" than previous years.



Seniors Phyllisa Howard, Natalie King, Candice Wright, Kristen Neese and Katie Coleman congratulate Wright on being crowned Football Homecoming Queen. Neese said that the candidates felt "honored just for being nominated." Wright said she was very surprised when her name was called, remembering, "I honestly did not think I was going to win."



Dancing the night away gives Sophomores Lauren Stacks and Joshua Raspopovich the opportunity to gaze into each other's eyes. Raspopovich said he will probably attend the dance next year because "It was nice to hang out with my friends." Stacks agreed, adding, "It's fun to get dressed up and go out."



Before the crowning of the Queen, Football coach, Mr. Jeffrey Yelton presents Senior Michael Neal with the honor of Mr. Football. The award, elected by the team, is given to a senior football player. Neal said it felt good to be honored by his team. Coach Yelton described Neal as the best candidate because of "his size, speed, versatility, strength and leadership abilities."

Queens and King Reign at Basketball Homecoming



Senior Natalie King lets everyone know who is number one once she is announced Homecoming Queen. King said she was excited and honored to be selected as Queen. "I was surprised. I thought others would win," said King. This was the second time King was nominated on a court. Football Homecoming Court was her first time being nominated.



Awaiting the announcement of Homecoming Queen, Seniors Kristen Neese, Natalie King, Phyllisha Howard, Alyssa Ziller and Jaymini Dave stand in the middle of the gym floor at the Homecoming basketball game. Dave said, "It felt really good to be nominated because I didn't expect it." After all of the girls were announced, King was crowned as queen. King said, "All of the girls on the court are great. They are really cool people. I was honored to win. I felt like I was queen of the land."



Waiting patiently, Sophomores Brienne Woodward, Derriane Upshaw, Amy Hopkins, Yvette Guzman and Melissa Darang wonder who will be crowned Sophomore Homecoming Princess. Even though Woodward won, Upshaw said she was not upset because she felt that "Brienne is a really nice person."



Accepting the crown with a grin on her face Freshman Britney Cruse becomes the Homecoming Princess. This was not the first time the Cruse family experienced a homecoming win. "My aunt was homecoming princess when she was my age and she shared her experience with me," said Cruse.



As they anticipate the announcement of Homecoming Princess, Freshmen Brianna Jenkins, Britney Cruse, Kadie Picard, Alyssa Cast and Tracy Lucas smile for the crowd. The Freshman Class chose Britney Cruse. The other girls said she was the right choice. "I love her so much. She's really funny," said Lucas. Cast added, "I am friends with every one of them out there, and I think Britney was an excellent choice. She gets along with everyone."



All dolled and lined up in front of hundreds of basketball fans, Juniors Cheryl Harrison, Kamal Westbrook, Melody Gomez, Lindsey Degard and Callie Lucas listen for the announcement of the winner. "I was really nervous. I'm not used to being in front of all those people," stated Harrison. Even though Harrison did not win, she congratulated Westbrook along with the other members of the court.



As he is crowned Homecoming King, Senior Joshua Mayo smiles. "I was nervous and excited at the same time once they announced my name," said Mayo. Mayo was also a key player in the game against Portage the same night. "It was a great feeling to do both. I won twice that night," said Mayo.



Seniors Michael Neal, Nate Powell, Kevin Olson, Nolan Buck and Joshua Mayo all stand confidently as they wait to see who was going to be crowned Homecoming King. The senior boys had a little more attention considering the fact that they were the only boys nominated to become king. "I felt good about being nominated out of a lot of people in our class, but at the same time, I didn't even want to win because I won Mr. Football and it's basically the same thing," said Neal.



Sophomore Brianne Woodward accepts the honor of being crowned princess. She was very surprised and thankful. "I was like wow, that's two years in a row! Sweet!" said Woodward. She tried on about ten different dresses for that night before she found the right one. She said, "I didn't really prepare. I just bought a dress. I already had shoes and jewelry."

After the crowning, Princess Kamal Westbrook, junior, receives a hug from the Sophomore Princess, Brianne Woodward. Westbrook said, "When I heard that I was on court I was like yay!" Westbrook said that it was not important to her if she won because she had two other friends on court. "It was a great experience," she said.



The Grand March gives Wheeler student Monica Deven and Senior Adam Billich a chance to show their stuff on the red carpet. "I had a really good time," said Billich. "It was something I will always remember about my senior year." Deven and Billich, who also attended Wheeler's prom, agreed that they had more fun at Merrillville's prom. "More of my friends were there," Billich said. "It was cool just to hang out with everyone."



With her date, MHS graduate Travis Hodges, Senior Jennifer Highsmith dances to her own beat, showing that she does not have to be smooth to have a good time. "I really don't care what people think. I was just there to have a good time," Highsmith said. The two of them agreed that enjoying themselves was most important. "I was just there to have a good time with Jen," Hodges said. "The music was good and the chicken was tasty."



Not afraid to show their silly sides, MHS graduate Mark Daily and Senior Erin Knight let loose on the dance floor. Both attended the prom the year before, but agreed this prom was more fun. "The old Hollywood theme was really classy, and the dance floor was much more spacious," said Knight. Daily, who graduated in 2004, agreed to go with his girlfriend of two years even though he felt "it was lame to come back to high school. I had a good time, though."



"Doing the show was a really good experience and going with Brendan made it my best prom," Senior Amber Goodman said. Amber was the "bachelorette" of PNN's prom segment "Take the Prom Queen to Prom." Ms. Joyce Goodman, Amber's mother, picked her prom date from three potential suitors after she took each of them on a date. Senior Brendan Schafer, bachelor number three, came out victorious. "I had the best night of my life," Schafer said. The final decision was kept under wraps until 5 p.m. the night of prom. All of the suitors, and Goodman herself, were kept in the dark, and the winner was revealed when Goodman showed up at the Grand March escorted by Schafer.

Prom Goers See Stars On the Red Carpet

Eighth grade social studies teacher Mrs. Pat Parker and her sister, Ms. Michele Craig, act as paparazzi on the red carpet at the Grand March. Yelling things such as "Who are you wearing?" and "Are those real diamonds?" they added a true sense of Hollywood to the star-struck evening.



With Senior Daniel Burkus passing him the crown, Junior Beaudilio McClendon receives a cheer from the crowd of promgoers. "I was surprised to even be nominated," McClendon said. McClendon went to prom with Junior Kamal Westbrooks. "I knew she would win for queen," he said. Even though it was unexpected, McClendon was happy that he and his date were crowned king and queen of the red carpet.



The 2005 Prom Court. Juniors Alison Conquest, Phillip Keene, Melody Gomez, Ayodeji Macarthy, Heather Zurek, Derek Mickiff, Kamal Westbrooks and Beaudilio McClendon, await the outcome of the voting for Prom King and Queen. Conquest thought her chances of winning were slim and Mickiff was rooting for himself, but Conquest believes that McClendon and Westbrooks won because "they are really nice and everyone likes them."

Taking a much-needed break from the frenzy on the dance floor, Seniors Alexandra Garritano, Amanda Degard and Sophomore Gregory Branham chat and enjoy some refreshments. Degard and Garritano agreed that they had a good time with their friends. Degard said she enjoyed the dance because "we are all seniors and we only have a limited time left to spend with each other."



As her face lights up with delight, Junior Kamal Westbrooks applauds as she is crowned Prom Queen on May 13. "I was really excited to hear my name being called as the queen," Westbrooks said. "I was nervous throughout the whole day."

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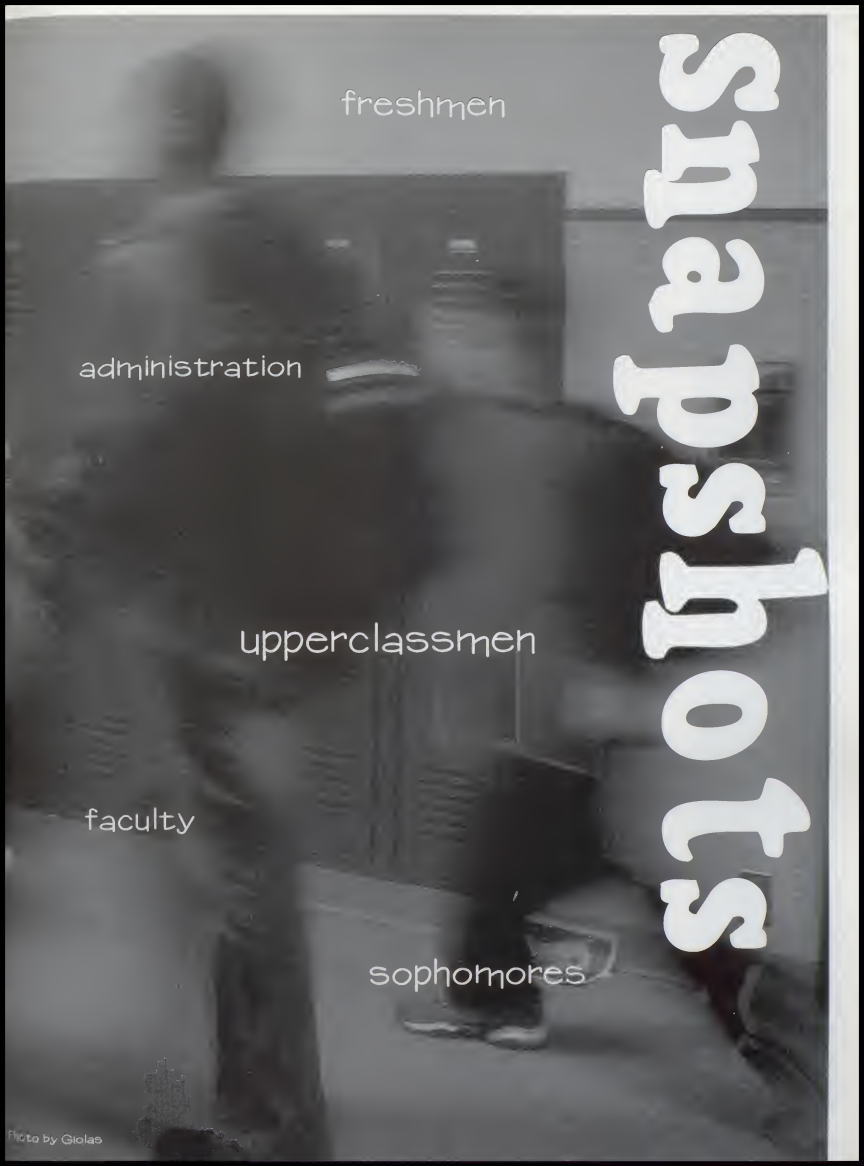
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Dear Class of 2005:

How quickly the time that each of you has had in high school has flown by. It was just four years ago that I greeted you with a warning that high school would cause changes and challenges that sitting in the seats of the auditorium as a ninth grader you couldn't yet imagining. Now, four years later, each of the individuals that make up this graduating class has experienced the joy and laughter, the tears and sorrow, the dreams and realities of the very quick years that you have spent at Merrillville High School. Your parents, teachers and counselors have helped to shape the future that you will experience. It is my hope that individually you have learned the lessons that will serve you well as you leave the stage of graduation to that of your future.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of serving as your Principal, watching you develop into the fine young people that you are. Many of you have experienced challenges that have made you into better individuals, with assistance from those of us at the high school that have impacted upon your lives. The challenge of these years will not soon be forgotten. I wish you God-speed in your journeys wherever they take you. Hopefully from time to time they will guide you back to your high school where you will fondly remember all of which each of you as an individual have experienced.

Dr. Mark B. Sperling



Dr. Mark Sperling



David DeMuth

"I love interacting with students and helping them make the right decisions in their life."



John Jennings

"I love making decisions and I always try to make the best for the circumstance."



Michael Krutz

"I come to school everyday hoping to make a difference for the school as a whole and for the most part I feel that happens!"

School Board and Administrators



Thomas G. Balhbridge



James Donohue



Mark S. Lucas



Mark Gregoline



Donna Stath



Gale Guyer



Ronald L. Price



Doug Sutherland



Dr. Anthony Lux

Everyone has one and everyone's is different. It's one of the most important rooms in the house. It's the place where people go to get away from the world. But not all of them can give off the same vibe and karma as others. What is this special place? It's as simple as a bedroom!

Some chose to elevate their rooms while others chose to submerge theirs in the dark corners of the house. Senior Ashley Dote climbed two flights of stairs to get to her attic bedroom. With the help of her friends, seniors Ally Holm and Kelly Mikita, Dote painted clouds and flowers on the walls.

"It took forever moving everything from the second floor to the third floor, but it was all worth it," Dote said.

Dote got her decorating ideas from various sources, but the cloud bedspread that she bought gave her a head start.

"The only thing I didn't like about my move was having to drain and refill the queen-size waterbed after moving into the attic," Dote said.

However, junior Ryan Richards chose the opposite of elevation by going into the depths of his basement. He enjoyed the extra space and the idea of having of refrigerator and bathroom at his disposal.

"It's pretty much like an apartment," Richards said. "I enjoy lots of activities including the dart board, the pool table and playing my guitar."

Dr. Anthony Lux

After having children, Mrs. Inga Dainton decided to leave work in the lab and pursue a career in teaching science. She never expected to come back to Merrillville and teach at the same school as Mr. Jim Vermillion, whom she said "treated us like we were college students," and who had high expectations for his students. In high school prior to graduating in 1982, Mrs. Dainton participated in National Honor Society and challenging math and science classes to prepare herself for her profession.



**Mrs. Inga
Dainton
Class
of 1982**

Cheerleader, yearbook copy editor, class officer and National Honor Society treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Draper was involved until the day she graduated in 1969. As a child, she was always interested in math and enjoyed Mr. Hutchison's trigonometry and calculus classes, and she was able to teach with him for several years before he retired. Mrs. Draper is glad to see that the school is much more diverse now than when she was a student, and said, "I chose to have my kids go here for that very reason." Mrs. Draper married her high school sweetheart after college and before coming back home to Merrillville to teach in her old school.



**Mrs. Nancy
Draper
Class
of 1969**

Julie Allhouse
Special Education
Beverly Ambroziak
Business
Janet Anderson
Art
Joe Atria
Science

Nancy Backes
Guidance Counselor
Michelle Barker
Science
Rolonda Bartnicki
Study Hall
Tony Bartolomeo
Science

Amy Beckham
Assistant Athletic Director
Carrie Bedwell
English
Robert Bedwell
Social Studies
Tom Beebe
Social Studies

Mary Ann Bertram
Foreign Languages
Kassahun Beyene
Science
Wade Boise
Math
Mary Borton
Foreign Languages

Janelle Bowen
Media Center Director
John Bradford
Music
Alan Branda
Math
Barbara Broedel
FACS

Doris Brown
Special Education
Allison Carter
English
Mark Ciesielski
Broadcast Journalism
Kim Corman
Special Education

Inga Dainton
Science
Dwayne DeYoung
Business
Barb Dlouhy
Special Education
Stephanie Dore
Science

Miles Dunscombe
Science
Lori Dust
Physical Education
Richard Ebler
Social Studies
Roger Emig
Music





Sharon Estes
English
Jeff Fairbairn
Physical Education
Drew Furness
Guidance Director
Rick Garner
Technical Education



Chuck Gleason
Special Education
Ann Guzman
English
Anthony Hofer
Social Studies
Mike Hoffman
Math



Jason Hostetler
English
Sean Hudson
Physical Education
Richard Hurey
Technical Education
William Idzior
Math



Tim James
Math
Curtis Johnston
English
Darcie Johnston
Special Education
James Johnston
Technical Education



Kathy Jones
Special Education
Betty Jordan
Guidance Counselor
Sarah Kennedy
Art
Elizabeth Kenyon
Science



Tony Klimczak
English
Diane Kowalski
Music
Rosellen Kozel
Special Education
Andy Krinis
Student Teacher



Kristi Krooswyk
Physical Education
Danny Lackey
Guidance Counselor
Margaret Lain
Physical Education
John Lambersie
English



Jennifer Leek
Math
Connie Lewis
English
David Lincicome
Music
Luis Lopez
Science



**Mr. Mike
Megyesi
Class
of 1999**

A recent graduate of the class of 1999, Miss Kira Scheub said, "I think students in general are just more independent now." Mr. Joe Starkey's seventh grade math class inspired her to teach math. Miss Scheub was involved in cheerleading, Future Educators of America, choir and golf.

A graduate of 1999, Mr. Mike Megyesi was an active athlete who enjoyed football and basketball throughout his high school career. He was elected Junior Prom King and Most Actively Involved. With inspiration from favorite high school teachers, Mr. Sherm Isczak and Coach Jeff Yelton, he decided to follow in his father's and his former teachers' footsteps and enter the world of education. With a few exceptions, Merrillville is "pretty much the same deal," said Mr. Megyesi.



**Miss Kira
Scheub
Class
of 1999**

Back when 1979 Merrillville High School graduate Mr. Michael Krutz attended as a student, the school was smaller and he was a football and baseball player. Krutz enjoyed Mrs. Diane Mandon's government class and went on to teach for 14 years. Mr. Krutz said, "I think we have a good school. I've never had a day where I didn't want to come to work."



**Mr. Mike
Krutz
Class of
1979**

"I wanted to teach ever since I was in first grade," said Mrs. Connie Lewis who was involved in several activities including Speech Club, Debate Team, Spanish Club and Future Teachers of America. Mrs. Agnes Lynch, her senior English teacher, inspired her to further pursue her passion for teaching after her 1970 graduation. Back in her day, the dress code for students was quite different than it is now, including a special day to wear slacks.



**Mrs. Connie
Lewis
Class
of 1970**

Actively involved in band, Future Teachers of America, Journalism and Spanish Club, Mrs. Bonnie Sanders decided to pursue Spanish as a career. Although she never expected to return to Merrillville High School after graduating in 1966, she said, "I really am back home again." Merrillville was much more strict when she attended as a student, and the school was smaller.



**Mrs. Bonnie
Sanders
Class
of 1966**

With favorite teacher Mr. Jim Vermillion as his inspiration who "didn't take anything from anybody," Mr. Ian Rausei graduated in 1999 with a clear vision of his future career. Active in football, Academic Decathlon, choir and National Honor Society, Mr. Rausei knew at an early age that he wanted to teach at Merrillville. Since he graduated, the student population has increased and many teachers have retired.



**Mr. Ian
Rausei
Class
of 1999**

Bob Mackoyak
Technical Education
Robert Maicher
Math
David Maldonado
Foreign Languages
Diane Mandon
Social Studies



Sean Meagher
Math
Mike Megyesi
Social Studies
Lee Meyer
English
Wilber Milhouse
Physical Education



Michael Miller
ROTC
Debra Monix
English
Sally Morgan
Science
Patrick Mulloy
Social Studies



Erin Mulloy-Flores
English
Bob Myers
Music
Gail Nicolini
Math
Andrew Niksich
Business



Deborah Onika-Brazys
Science
Rick Parker
Special Education
Brian Past
English
Kathleen Peters
Math



Nicholas Petralia
Social Studies
Maryetta Petras
Science
Jared Pierson
Student Teacher
Steven Prather
Technical Education



Terry Pratt
Art
Tania Price
Physical Education
Teresa Procter
English/Journalism
Janis Qualizza
Athletic Director



Guy Ramey
ROTC
Ian Rausei
Science
Shelley Ray
FACS
Melinda Reinhart
Music





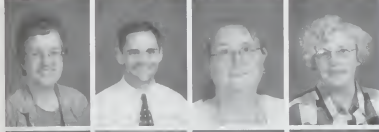
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Casey Robertson
English
Kay Ross
Special Education
Bonnie Sanders
Foreign Languages



Violet Schmuck
Math
Pamela Schuetz
English
Beverley Seaver
English
Charles Seligman
Math



James Simon
Special Education
Christy Smith
FACS
Rosa Smith
Permanent Substitute
Irene Spiro
Foreign Languages



Debra Staffeld
Math
Scott Staley
Math
Margaret Stallings
FACS
Evelyn Steiner
Foreign Languages



Al Stoner
Foreign Languages
Keith Story
Freshman Academy
Michelle Sulich
Guidance Counselor
Jamie Sutton
Student Teacher



Dave Teeter
Technical Education
Derek Thompson
Special Education
Melissa Volkman
English
Carol Von Behren
FACS



Zac Wells
Social Studies
Susan Whitlock
Special Education
Madeline Wilson
Foreign Languages
Michelle Wilson
Special Education



Katie Wiser
Freshman Academy
Jeffrey Yelton
Science
David Zimmerman
Business



Mr. Zac Wells
Class of 1993

A 1994 graduate of Merrillville High School, Mr. Tony Bartolomeo was involved in Quill and Scroll, track and football. "I was one of the first classes in the new building," said Mr. Bartolomeo, who always knew he wanted to teach. Three of his favorite teachers, Mr. Michael Krutz, Mr. Jeff Yelton and Mr. John Kobza, inspired him with their personalities.

"I didn't like history at all," said current history teacher, Mr. Zac Wells, who graduated in 1993. Actively involved in football, baseball and basketball all four years of his high school career, he also found time for yearbook and Future Educators of America. With the school constantly changing, he said that, overall, the faculty is much younger, but Coach Jeff Yelton who, "is a very enthusiastic teacher," is still here!



Mr. Tony Bartolomeo
Class of 1994

Although he never expected to find himself back at Merrillville High School, 1998 graduate, Mr. Jeff Fairbairn said he always knew he wanted to be a teacher. Mr. Dave Teeter, his favorite teacher, "made the class interesting," said Mr. Fairbairn. While a student at Merrillville, Mr. Fairbairn was a tenacious and intelligent soccer player, said his coach, Mr. Brian Past.



Mr. Jeff Fairbairn
Class of 1998

Athletic Office



Nikki Jusko and Missy Bushemi

I think my most important job is to keep Dr. Sperling's schedule moving as smoothly as possible. So many times he has something come up that throws his day off. His calendar has to be constantly tweaked so he keeps the meetings scheduled but also has time for any issues he has to deal on a daily basis.

Melanie Scott

My most important job is to assist students in developing good research skills. There is lots of information available to them and sometimes it can be overwhelming. My favorite time of year is when seniors begin doing research for their big research papers. My most difficult job takes place at the end of every quarter when I have almost 2200 Required Reading grades to figure. I enjoy working on them, but they are very time consuming. Knowing that I will be able to help people each day keeps me smiling.

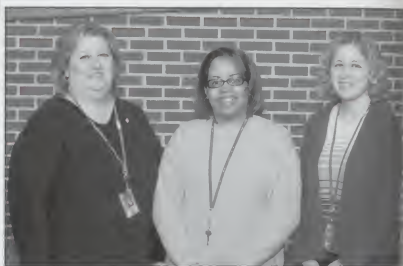
Janelle Bowen

Guidance Office



Judy Vassallo, Vicki Paulnitz, Cheryl Albers and Sharon Jones

Media Center Staff



Patricia Smith, Donna Phelps and Janelle Bowen



Lynn Herrera
Treasurer



Debbie Willison
Main Office Secretary



Sue Gaines
Teachers' Aide



Cheryl Ursery
Student Services



Marilyn Thien
Student Services

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Don Hickman, Angie Knezevic, Joe Jurisa

Night Maintenance Crew



Front Row: Dragica Kovacevic, Nada Kolar, Lenka Pejosi, Chris Haverty; Second Row: Nikola Volarevic, Nisa Milosavljevic, Helen Moravskij, Chuck Stanford; Back Row: Paul Moravskij, Robert Fernando, Zoran Stefanovic.

Security Staff



Front Row: Patrick L. Clark, Nicole Kendrick, Daryl D. Bowie Sr.; Back Row: Ron Thomas, Rose M. Pulliam, Larry Juzwicki



Linda Hall
Attendance Secretary



Sandy Scholtens
Teachers' Aide



Debbie Klippel
Main Office — Assistant
Principals' Secretary



Melanie Scott
Principal's Secretary



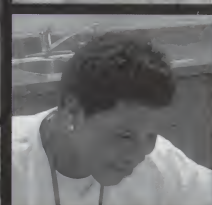
Rolanda Barthnicki
Study Hall Aide

"I like to be busy, and this is definitely a busy place. And it is NEVER boring. No two days are alike. And I don't care how long you've been here, you always have something that makes you go 'hmmmm'."

Not to mention, these assistant principals I work for are good people, with high ideals and standards. I like to see and work in this kind of atmosphere."

Debbie Klippel

Snapshots of '08





Danny Abbeduto
Ashley Adams
Anton Addison
Mary Aeschliman
Pamela Agoris
Dana Alcocer
Antonisha Alexander
Joshua Alexander

Vanessa Alexander
Christian Allen
Karrean Allen
Jessica Alvelo
Hussam Alzeer
Bryce Anderson
Cordero Anderson
Kenneth Andrade

Mychal Archibald
Vicente Arizmendi
Chretien Arnold
Ryan Arroyo
Martin Aznar
Natasha Bailey
Karen Balko
Katie Balko

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Zachary Banks
Shaneice Barfield
Ricardo Barksdale
Desiré Barnes
Elandra Barron
Jeffery Bartow

Elizabeth Baumann
Justin Beecher
Christopher Beets
Shakira Bell
Kelsey Beshears
Arwen Bhe
Trevor Bianchi
Rachelle Bielak

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Nicole Billick
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Destiny Blink
Joshua Blow
Mark Bobowsky
Desiree Bolden

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Lorne Britt-Edge
Erica Broaders
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Jasmine Brown
Ri'Shard Brown
Thomas Brown
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Nashee' Burns

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Amirah Butler
Averil Butts
Chantrice Cade
Rudy Campbell
Charles Campos Jr.
Roberto Canales
Brittany Carrington



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Brian Casady
Alyssa Cast
Tianna Ceaser
Caitlyn Church
Amanda Churilla
Michael Cieslak



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Artis Clanton
Chiara Clanton
Zurie Clemons
Alysa Cody
Robert Coghill
LeTroy Coleman
Simone Coleman



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Kyle Collins
Ashley Contreras
Jorge Contreras
Jasmin Cook
Clayton Cooper
Jeremy Coto
Alan Crague



Joshua Crayne
Courtney Crenshaw
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Bryan Cygan
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Molly Delacruz
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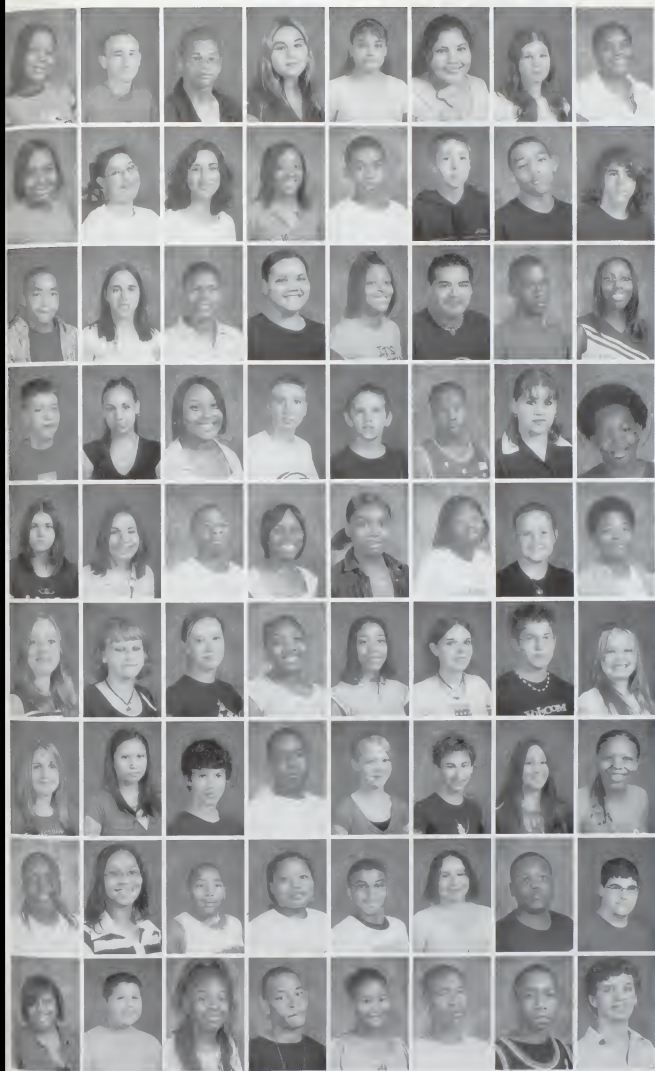


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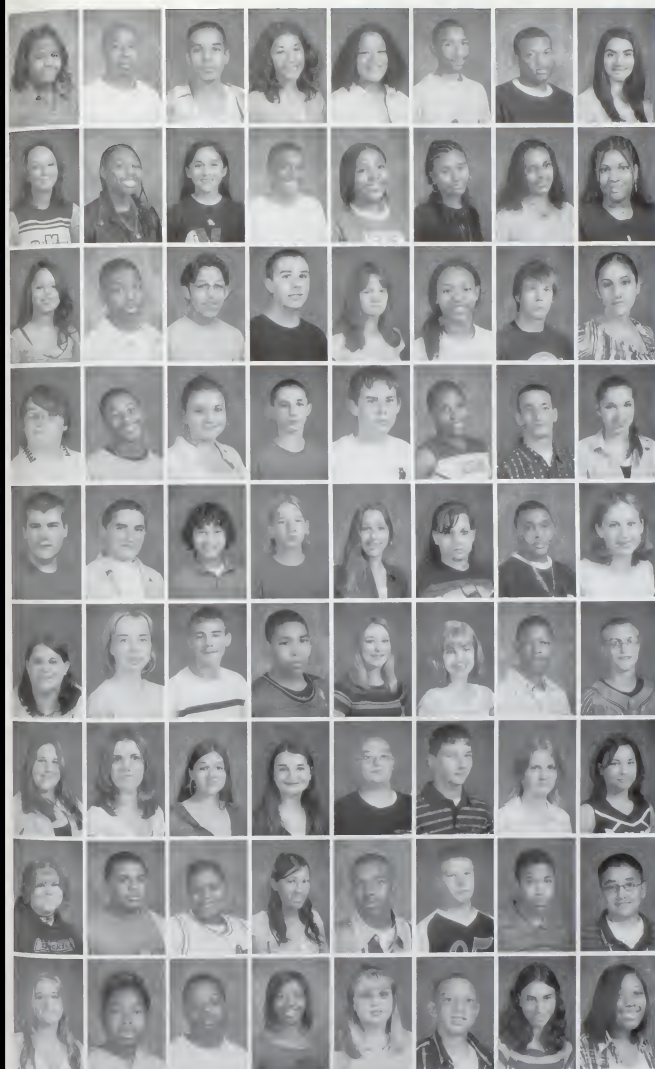


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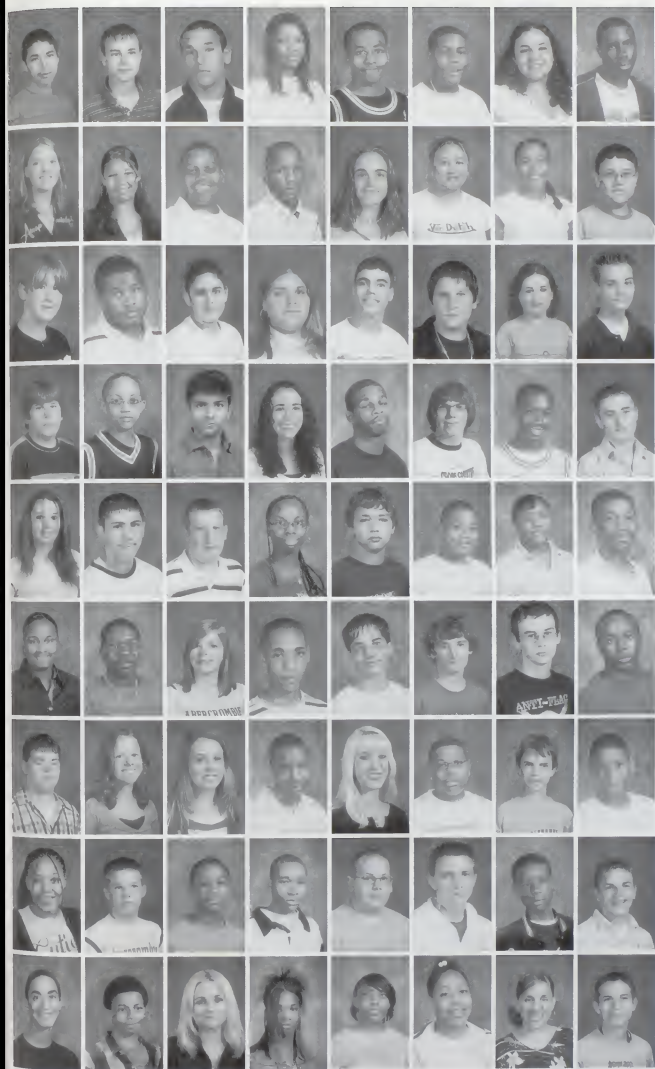


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Tiarra Wright
Sarah Yacko
Kyle Yocum
Wesley Young



Jerimy Zeilenga
Stephanie Zellers
Michele Zerbe
Cara Zimmerman
Branden Zurawicz



How do you feel about the war?



"It is unnecessary."
Michael Ollie



"I feel that the war is unfair
because too many of our
soldiers are dying."
Ariel Porter



"It's sad."
Heather Walker



"I feel it should end."
Tiana Brown

Too Cool for School

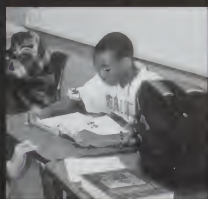
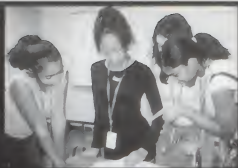
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Aki Turner
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Peris Young

Snapshots of '07





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Jafar Abdul-Hafiz
Jarad Abdul-Hafiz
Dannah Abel
John Ackermann
Malcolm Adams
Cassandra Adler
Maxwell Akenten

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Cortina Alderson
Richard Aleman
Salahuddin Ali
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Valerie Angotti
Aaron Aplin
Cordero Arce

Don Arce
Joseph Arce
Michael Arizmendi
Cortez Arnold
Ashish Arshanaipalli
Hope Asya-Broughton
Maricela Ayala
Anaceli Babilonia

Desiree Babilonia
Jenna Baisten
Gregory Baker
Johnathon Baker
Paris Baker
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Robert Barnes
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Jeff Beason
Brett Beatty
Tiffany Begala
Jovette Bell

Letitia Bella
Rudy Benham
Tonee Bennett
Rodney Berden
Lisa Bergin
Dayton-Donnell Bettis
Donald Bhe
Charles Bifle

Christopher Blackwell
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Jessica Blue
Kyle Bonick
Jacyn Boskamp
Blaine Bounds
Henry Bradley

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Arie Brown
Jahlik Brown
Matthew Brown
O'Bryan Brown
Tamisha Brown
Tashun Brown

Theodore Brown
Ty'Sheena Brown
Pamela Brusven
Jeremy Bryant
Mychaela Bryant
Natalie Bryson
Brett Bullock
Caitlyn Bunch



Christopher Burke
Steven Burney
Anthony Cain
Charlesa Calhoun
Michael Cameron
Justin Camisa
Alan Camper
LaRonin Carey



Brianna Carter
Joshua Carter
Krysten Casey
Angela Cast
De'Andre' Charles
Colton Church
Michael Churilla
Kevin Clark



Hillary Cooke
Kelley Cooper
Katelyn Corman
Mary Cuchi
Cassie Currier
Kaitlyn Dalcik
Cody Dallas
Donald Dalton



Nome Damjanoski
Mark Daniel
Sherman Daniels III
Melissa Darang
Elizabeth Davis
Gena Davis
Lathay Davis
Drew Dawson



Benjamin De La Cruz
Caitlin DeCourcy
Gregory Demetrakis
Michael Demeuse
Lyndsay Deming
Michelle Deming
Arshia Denson
Benjamin Diaz



Cynthia Diaz
Brandy Dieterle
Jennifer Dietrich
Rahdrick Dix
Mary Kate Dixon
Natasa Djukic
James Donald
Melissa Dooley



Matthew Douglas
Marshall Driotez
Vojkan Drljaca
Darin Dunham
Cherelle Dunn
Donna Dunn
JaTaun Durden
Daniel Dwyer



Terry Earvin
Clarissa Ehlers
Ashley Elser
Carla Emmett
Willie England
Jessica Falls
Jessica Fenik
Megan Fisch





Thomas Fitzpatrick
Elijah Flakes
Brandon Fles
Shayna Florczyk
Erika Flores
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Tynesha Fouch
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Arturo Fuentes II
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Alexis Gedda
James Gedda
Patrick Geeze
Christina Geminder
Jacob George
Austin Gibson
Talysha Gibson

Francisco Gonzalez
Kelli Goodman
John Goosby III
Jarred Gordon
Madeline Covert
Valerie Grace
Alexander Graves
Anthony Green

Krystal Greene
Whitney Griggs
Amy Gurney
Nicole Guzman
Victoria Guzman
Yvette Guzman
Erik Haaland-Ramer
Darren Hackett

Brandon Hair
Terri Halbe
Marcus Hall
Lauren Hallenbeck
Darren Handley
James Hanley
Anthony Hardesty-Berry
Asiaree Harris

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Kalynn Harstad
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Ian Hernandez
Jesus Herrera
Alex Hess
John Heston
Colleen Heylin

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Erik Hookstra-Knight
Ashlee Holland
Neven Holland
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Amy Hopkins
Dominique Howard

Simone Howard
Curtis Howard Jr.
Cassandra Hudson
Moligra Hunter
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Megan Hutchinson
Paul Hyde
Briana Ingram



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Marvis Jackson
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Raven James
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Jeffrey Jelinek



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Markiya Jenkins
Stanley Jennings
Stephen Jewart
Anthony Jimenez
Dwayne Johnson
James Johnson
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Jon Johnson
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Mitchell Lamb
Rhonda Landrum
Michael Langhurst
Patrick Laorden
Maha Latif
Jamal Lawrence



Ronald Lawrosky Jr.
Bettia Lee
Edward Leonard
Kashmieri Leschinsky
Matthew Leus
Catherine Leventis
Brittany Lewis
Quincy Lightfoot



What are you most looking forward to Junior Year?



"Prom,"
Talysha Gibson



"One step closer to
getting out of here."
Brian Fucher



"Not taking ISTEP."
Tamisha Brown



Christina Lobodinski
David Lobodinski
Nina Lopez
Ryan Lopez
Kacey Loudermilk
Scott Lucas
Cecilia Lum
Auriel Mabone

Giovanni Macapagal
Colleen Madalferi
Brian Maddox-Lee
Miguel Magallanes
Katrina Makarounas
Nicholas Makarowski
Caitlin Malloy
Metodij Marinceski

Craig Marshall
Gabrielle Marshall
JaMael Marshall
Nicholas Martinez
Robert Mason
Michael Matsey
Stephanie Matson
Christopher Matusik

Jeremy Maynard
Robert Mays
Larry McKinley
LaChez McLucas
Chrystal McMillon
Frankie Mesa
Ari Meux
Andrew Milenkovski

Beth Miller
Jacqueline Miller
Malika Miller
Blair Mitchell
DeAndre Mitchell
Samantha Molden
Laura Moreno
Kennitha Morris

Kyle Morris
Brian Morrow
Markeise Moten
Kimberly Munchenburg
Teresa Munchenburg
Taneesia Myers
Shamee Nelson
Jeffrey Nemcek



James Newman
Quoc Nguyen
Ashley Nichols
George Niksch
Latoya Noble
Sean Nunnery
DeAndre Nwannunu
Marissa O'Donley



Derrick O'Reilly
Fiyinfoluwa Obajuluwa
Erica Ontiveros
Austin Orosz
Andrea Orozco
Ryan Orzechowicz
David Outlaw
Tiffany Owen



Danielle Pajon
Kayleigh Pandolph
Ben Pankiewicz
Alayna Panning
Christopher Papp
Anthony Parini
Devin Parker
Russell Parkhurst



Marcus Patikas
Sheman Paul
Andrea Paulnitz
Lauren Payne
Nicholas Pecencia
Ryan Peck
Daniel Pelzel
Nena Pena



Erica Perez
Lauren Person
Cuy Pesnaux
Eric Peterson
Aaron Pierson
Jeremy Polak
Kenneth Polezoes
Lindsay Pollard



Alexander Ponce
Vincent Porras
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Brian Pucher



Christopher Pyatt
Kimberly Quijano
Jonathan Ramirez
Rico Ramos
Vanessa Ramos
Joshua Raspopovich
Richard Reddick III
Julie Reitz



Ryan Relfhorde
Donald Rettig
Matthew Reynolds
Melissa Richard
Dalton Richards
David Richards II
David Richmond III
Beth Riede





Aleksandar Ristevski
Darnell Roberts
Faith Roberts
Camalla Robinson
Jeremy Robinson
Genesis Rodrigo
Hector Roldan
April Rosenbaum

Daryl Ross
John Saffrahn
Karla Salazar
Harold Sallee
Julian Sameshima
Rachel SanMiguel
Danielle Saunders
Daniel Scollon

LeBrittney Scott
Stephen Scott
Devin Seaton
Koray Semenuk
Ricardo Serrata
Sabrina Shocaroff
Jamie Sieb
Gurpreet Singh

Christopher Smith
David Smith
Ira Smith
Jake Smith
Kenneth Smith
Kiara Smith
Nicolas Smith
Tyrika Smith

Seth Smith-Robinson
Nicholas Sneiderwine
Shaun Sokolowski
Jessica Soto
Daon Southall
Daniel Sparks
D'Andre Spears
Joshua Spence

Douglas Spencer
Malisha Spencer
Geoffrey Sperling
Benjamin Spires
Lauren Stacks
Corri Stephenson
Brittany Steward
Annette Stewart

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Stoten Stofko
Kevin Stojakovich
Michael Stokes
Brad Strom
Carrie Sullivan
Ryan Sullivan
Jaleesa Sumbry

Megan Sweeney
Nathan Sweller
Barbara Swetlik
Ryan Szala
Hugo Tafoya
Jason Talbert
Lee Talley
Elisha Tanner

Yessenia Tapia
Valarie Tarlton
Gerald Taylor
Rodney Taylor
Tammy Taylor
Rodney Thomas Jr.
Porcha Thompson
Edwin Tirado Jr.

Sarah Torres
Lauren Townsend
Farrah Travis
Byron Turner II
Derrienne Upshaw
Brandon Usher
Lauren Valiadi
Jessica Valant



Rebecca VanVleet
Amy Vargas
Bianca Vasquez
VaNavia Ventura
Samuel Vesely
Kara Vlosky
Elaine Vorgas
Desfree Walker



Martell Walker
Jarell Wall
Ashley Wallace
Gabrielle Walton
Andrea Warman
Justin Watkins
Carl Welch
Ryan Wengel



Marsha West
William West Jr.
Nathan Westphal
Isaac White
Joshua White
Michael White
Nicholas Whitehead
Ross Whiteside



Marcus Whitt
Heather Whittemore
Alyssa Wiley
Dianne Wilkerson
Thaddeus Wilkerson
Eric Williams
Shannon Williams
Travis Williams



Victor Williams
Jeffery Wilson
Xavier Wilson
Joseph Wing
Matthew Winn
Garrett Winton
Ashley Woods
Ciara Woods



Brianne Woodward
Tiffany Woodworth
Sheretta Wright
Kyle Yarnell
Mohammad Yasin
Bret Yelachich
Joshua Yocum
Gerold Young



Nyla Young
Rigoberto Zambrano Jr.
Nicholas Zelisko
Christopher Zupanowski



Class Officers



Richard Reddick III
Sophomore President, Reddick, enjoys being President because he "enjoys bossing people around." He cites the best thing about being president is "putting together a sophomore float and the Goofy Games for Homecoming Week." His duties include conducting meetings and organizing fundraisers and Goofy Game teams for Homecoming.



Ashish Arshanapalli
What made Arshanapalli run for office is that he has "always been second in command with Tim." He said that the best thing about being Vice President is taking half credit for all of President Tim Reddick's work. Arshanapalli's duties include helping out where he can and taking Tim's place in his absence.



Mary Kate Dixon
Dixon ran for office because she "likes being a part of the class and likes helping her fellow classmates and letting their voices be heard." She said the best thing about being a secretary is "being able to get involved." She takes the minutes from all class meetings, and at the end of the year, compiles all of the minutes and gives them to the principal.



Ashlee Holland
Holland ran for office because "it seemed like fun and I wanted the experience." She said the best part about being treasurer is getting involved with the class and helping out with raising money for the class. Her duties include coming up with fundraisers and keeping track of the money.

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Naomie Allen
Patrick Andrews
Meelinda Biggs
Lucylyn Brown
Jeremy Byrd
Annifer Chancellor
Mien Qiao Chen
Le'Mesha Clark
Tarell Collins
Alvon Cundiff

Le'Antoinette Cundiff
Andrea Cunningham
Catherine Eckstrom
Eric Dontre Freeman
Alycia Hayes
Ashton Holman
Curtis Howard Jr.
Chris Huppenthal
Latanza Jenkins
Fennise Jones

Toso Kajmakoski
Andrew Kinney
Jacqueline Martin
Larry Mosley
Ronald Mosley
Elvenor Perry
Anita Roby
Daniel Rosenwinkel
Orlando Santos
Sandra Shufford

Leroi Thomas
Brittiney Vaughn
Marcus Williams
Marco Williams
Linwood Williamson
Darius Wright
Vernencia Wright
Muhammad Younas

Snapshots of '06





Brittany Abram
 Stacy Adams
 James Addison
 Jennifer Addison
 Natalie Adler
 James Aeschliman
 Robert Agne
 Akinjide Akinrinade

Yvette Alba
 Brian Albee
 Celeste Alcantar
 Robert Aldrich
 James Aldridge
 Jasmine Alexander
 Damien Alexis
 Taariq Ali

Raquel Allen
 Robin Allen
 Erica Aloia
 Lindsey Alvarez
 Gloria Aveleo
 Luke Amundsen
 Darron Anderson
 James Anderson

Torrence Anderson
 Brittney Andrade
 Alfredo Arredondo
 Diane Ashford
 Rosina Assibey-Mensah
 Daniel Avery
 Rosalinda Ayala
 Jeremy Bailey

Leslie Bailey
 Daniel Baker
 Lakeisha Barbee
 Edward Barcenas
 Cassidy Barner
 Kimberly Barnes
 Dorell Bass
 Kyle Bateman

Angela Baumann
 Justin Belko
 Alayna Bella
 Jacqueline Bella
 J'Aaron Bentley
 Marcus Berry
 Shakira Best
 Yevheniy Bezzin

Nina Bozina
 Eric Billick
 Jeremy Billingsley
 Roy Bishop
 Armani Blakely
 Lorna Blondet
 Jesse Blue
 Harry Boskamp III

Matthew Braatz
 Porsche' Bradley
 Drake Branda
 Armando Bravo
 Kristin Brindley
 Tyrisha Briscoe
 Amanda Broertjes
 Emily Brooks

Alexandria Brown
 Dwayne Brown
 Nyssa Brown
 Samuel Brown
 Tashaun Brown
 Tricia Brown
 Janessa Buhse
 Jena Bult

Justin Burgess
Austin Burke
Justin Burke
Denise Burney
Bobby Burton
Jennifer Busse
Joyce Calhoun
Ryan Cameron



Edna Carbajal
Braylin Carpenter
Analay Carrera
Asia Carter
Mary Carter
Nathan Chandler
Cheng-Wei Chiang
Andrea Clanton



Tamika Clay
Charles Cole
DeJeron Coleman
Denise Coleman
LaTavia Comer
Christi Condos
Alison Conquest
Colt Contreras



Tiffany Cooper
William Coria Jr.
Takema Cox
James Crawley
William Crosby
Melissa Crossley
Jennifer Cruz
Dominique Cudjoe



Mallory Cuevas
Anthony Curry
Emily Czekala
Chad Dawson
Hannah Day
Keith Dean Jr.
Tierney Dearon
Lindsey Degard



Abigail Deidgha
Brendan Delaney
Ashley Delk
Erica Denison
Erica DeSoto
Lauren Dixon
Lee Dixon III
Joseph Duggins



Delisa Dumas
Marissa Duncan
Ray Duttweiler
Angela East
Ambria Esterling
April Echols
Martell Edwards
Erica Elmore



Daniel Enghofer
Wesley English
Darryl Evans Jr.
Ashley Evenson
Adam Farag
Magen Fassoth
Brian Faulkner
Cara Fejes



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Shannon Frey
Gilberto Fuentes

Alyse Fultz
Tamara Gaddy
Armando Garza
Ann Marie Gault
Rafael Gerodimos
Saciella Chazi
Timothy Ghoston
Adoniss Gibson

William Gidley
Romaize Gilbert
Krystle Gill
Morgan Gill
Christopher Ginter
Kierra Givens
Kevin Golecki
Krystal Golecki

Melody Gomez
Robert Gomez
Jacklyn Goralczyk
Odell Gordon
Tiffany Gordon
Angelique Cruchmal
Raquel Guerrero
Justin Cust

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Elaine Hall
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Dwight Harding
Andre' Harper

Kasie Harris
Cheryl Harrison
Richard Hartline
Montrae Hatcher
Richard Hauber
Mary Hawkins
Cheetra Hendley
Breana Hendrix

Sonya Henry
Michelle Hernandez
Gregory Heron
Perry Herzog
Jeremy Higgins
Kristina Highlan
Brittney Hill
Gregory Hill

Nicholas Hirjak
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Cambria Hollingsworth
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William Holston
Gina Howard
Carlton Hoyles
Melissa Hubbell

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Lauren Huish
Emiley Hunt
Sarita Hunter
Ty Andrea Hunter
Jasmine Jackson
LaStar Jackson
Andrew James

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Jermaine Jones
Jessica Jones
Khameice Jones



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Brandon Jordan
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Nika Jordan
Andrew Kaiser
Samanthah Kaiser
Zachery Kamradt



Rania Kaoukis
Katherine Kaplar
Irene Karagianidis
Sean Kavois
Daniel Kawanna
Tiffany Kedziora
Phillip Keene
Ryan Kemp



Courtney King
Sharletta King
Ashley Kistingler
Dejan Kitevski
Brandy Klein
Velis Knight
Eli Kookich
Heather Kovach



Niki Kraska
Christina Kratimenos
Jonathan Kucik
Brittney LaBroi
Taleysa Lampkin
Paulo Lara
Dexter Larimore
Elizabeth Lashenik



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Amr Latif
Carl Layne
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Anthony Leonhardt
Shanna Leslie



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Christopher Madison
Natalie Madrid
Rebecca Magana



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Jazmine MaGee
Kyrann Magee
Natasha Manzella
Jericho Marrero
Krystal Marshall
Tyona Marshall
Robert Martin





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Jade McCaslin
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Colin McDonald
Mark McGee

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Angelica Nunn
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Karl Outlar

Kevin Outlar
Michael Padgett
Carlos Pagan
Jamie Palomo
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Evan Parker
Jessica Parker
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Tushar Patel
Henry Patterson
Maria Patterson
Paige Patterson
Tiffany Patterson
Stephanie Pavlish
Tiera Peacock
Jeremy Pedroza

Richard Pennington
Jared Perkins
Brittany Perry
Dominga Perry
Lawren Perry
Karl Person
Roger Pesnaux
Lucas Phillips



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Sean Powell
Jeramy Powers III
Ryan Pozezanac
Mario Pruitt
Joshua Puzey
Katherine Quick
Natalie Ragon



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Lauren Rees
Brian Reese



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James Rowe III
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Victoria Ruiz



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Adrian Sanchez
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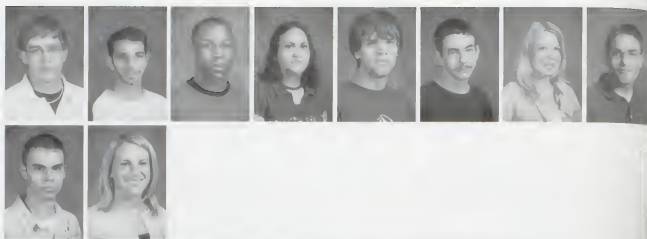
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JaMawn Wheeler
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Donal Marler



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Matthew Wrenke



Jessica Moore, Virgil Savage,
Erika Rouse, Xavieria Day

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Mark Abel
Football 10-12



Mehmet Acunal
Autoshop 12; STAND 9



Gina Geeta Adams
FCCLA 11,12; FCCLA
Officer 12; Spanish Club
10; Spanish Club Officer
10; STAND 11



Jeremy Adamson
Band 9,10; Cross
Country 9-11; JETS
11,12; Key Club 10-12;
IUN Summer Program
11; Track 9-12; Track
Captain 12



Taesia Alford
French Club 12;
Gymnastics 9-12; Key
Club 10; Martial Arts
11; PNN 11



Joseph Ampran



Darren Anderson
Band 9,10; Basketball
9,10; Aide 12; PNN 12



Gina Angotti
Basketball 9,10; Softball
9-11; Student
Government 9,10;
Teacher Aide 12;
Volleyball 9;
Weightlifting
Competition 11,12



Shana C. Anthony
Band 9,10; HERO 12;
Key Club 9,10; Marine
Biology 10



Jessica Argue
Drama Club 9-12; Fall
Play 9-12; Revue 11,12;
Spring Play 9-12; Teacher
Aide 11; Thespians 10-
12; STAND 9



Jamie Lee Armstrong
Key Club 11,12



LaNita Arnold
Key Club 9



Farah Arshami
Band 9; French Club
11,12; Aide 12;
STAND 11,12; Teacher
Aide 12; Tennis 10-
12; Volleyball 9



Priyanka Arshanapalli
Sec'y 11; VP 12; Commenc.
Plan. 12; Class Gov't 11,12;
Key Club 10-12; NHS 11,12;
Peer Mediator 9-12; PNN 10;
Quill & Scroll 12; Student
Gov't 11,12; WMHS 10-12;
Yrbk Editor 12; Tennis 9,10;
Pirate Council 10,12



Daryl Arthur
Basketball 9-12; Key
Club 9,10; Teacher
Aide 11; PNN 12



Michael Ashe
Concert Band 9-12;
Marching Band 9-12;
CAD 12; Jazz
Impressions 9; Jazz
Impact 10-12



Islam Adel Baghdady
National French Test
11,12; Science
Olympiad 11; French
Club 9-12;
Soccer 0



Meisha Baker
French Club 11,12;
Aide 12; Spell Bowl
Team 10,12; Teacher
Aide 10-12; Track
11,12; TFC 10-12



Marissa Rene Bankston
Key Club 10,11;
Orchestra 9-12; Quill
& Scroll Secretary 12;
Volleyball 9; Yearbook
12; Yearbook
Sophomore Editor 12



Brandon Barnes



Adam Billich
Autoshop 12



Andrew Binder
Football 9; French Club
12; STAND 12;
Teacher Aide 12; Track
10,12; Wrestling 10



Michael Binder
Football 9-12; NHS
11,12; Orchestra 9-11;
Wrestling 9-11;
Weightlifting
Competition 11



Loreal Blackwell
Drama Club 9,10; Jazz
Band 10; National
French Test 10;
Orchestra 9-12; Track
11,12



Victoria Coronita Blanco
 FCCLA 11; Spanish Club 11; STAND 11,12; SADD 11



Kevin Matthew Boksa
 NHS 11,12



Dana Bolden
 Concert Band 9,10; Marching Band 9,10; Pep Band 9,10; Cross Country 9,10,12; Peer Mediator 9; Teens for Christ 9-12; Track 9-12



Michael Booker
 Band 9,10; CAD 11; Track 9-12; Track Captain 12



Stephanie Boone
 Art Club 9,11; German Club 9; Aide 12; Pin Pal 11



Errol Borom



Melissa Ashley Borom
 Basketball 9-12; Basketball Captain 9; Track 10; Volleyball 9; Yearbook 12



LaDonna Bostic



Dé Marces Braziel
 HERO 12



Alyssia Brown
 Basketball 9; Key Club 9,10; Quest/Natural Helpers 9; Revue 12; Track 9,10



Anesia Darnese Brown
 Band 9,10; Quest/Natural Helpers 10; STAND 11,12; Swimming Student Manager 10; Tennis 9-12; Volleyball 9,10; Yearbook 12



Amanda Jean Brunn
 Choral Teens 11; Fall Play 10; HERO 12; Teacher Aide 12; Varsity Choir 9; Velveteens 10



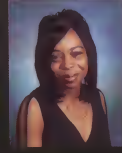
Tim Bugno
 Football 9-12; Track 9-12; Weightlifting Competition 11,12



Daniel Burkus
 Baseball 9-12; Baseball Captain 12; Newspaper 11; Teacher Aide 12; PNN 12; Prom Court 11; Prom King 11; Tennis 9-12; Tennis Captain 11,12; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Sports Editor 12



Andrew Wallace Burt
 Football 10; Guidance Aide 12



Morgan Lynn Bynum
 Varsity Choir 9



Jon Cabral
 Band 9-12; Golf 9,11,12; Jazz Impressions 9-12; Jazz Impact 11,12



Tiffany Cain
 Quest/Natural Helpers 10



Brittany Dawn Caldwell
 Concert Choir 10; Varsity Choir 9; Velveteens 11



Christopher Carter



Andrew Caruana
 Concert Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; Jazz Impact 10-12; Track 9-12



Amanda Cast



Enrique Cerros
 Autohop 11; Spanish Club 12; STAND 12



Julianne Coates
 Bowling Team 9-12; Choral Teens 10; Concert Choir 9; Golf 9; NHS 11,12; Teacher Aide 12; PNN 12; Velveteens 10



Tiffanie Rebecca Colby



Katie L. Coleman
Cheerleading 9,10;
Concert Choir 9; Golf 9,
12; Football Homecoming
Court 12; Key Club 10-
12; Marine Biology
11,12; Peer Mediator
9,10; PNN 12; Tennis 9-
12; Tennis Captain 11,12



Michael Coleman



Adriana Colon



Marissa Comanse
Drama Club 10;
Volleyball 9



LaTavia Comer



Heather Cooper
Band 9,10; Choral
Teens 11,12; Revue
11,12; Show Choir 10-
12; Teens for Christ 9-
12; Velvetens 10



Melissa Corman
Concert Choir 10-12;
Drama Club 9; Fall Play
9; Guidance Aide 12;
Varsity Choir 9



Christopher Coto
Autoshop 12; Marching
Band 9-11



Justin Coto



Kristina Craig



Matthew Crane
Cross Country 10-12;
Cross Country Captain
12; Track 9-12



Rickie Crawley Jr.
Cross Country 9;
Football 9; French Club
11,12; JETS 11,12;
Track 9-12; Track
Captain 12



David Cuadra



David Cundiff
Baseball 9,10;
Basketball 9; Cross
Country 9,10; Gary
Area Career Center
11,12



Jessica Lauren Daniels
Color Guard 10; Dance
Team 9,10; Key Club
10-12; Key Club
Officer 11,12; Quest/
Natural Helpers 9,10;
STAND 12; Track 12



Dyan M. Darang
Cross Country 11;
Dance Team 9; Key
Club 10-12; Marine
Biology 11; NHS 11,12;
Peer Mediator 9;
Student Government
12; Tennis 9,10; Tennis
Captain 10



Jaymini B. Davé
Dance 9; BBall Home
Court 12; Key Club 10-
12; Marine Bio 11; NHS
11,12; Aide 12; STAND
11,12; Stud't Advisory
Comm. 9-12; SADD
11,12; SADD Officer 12;
Tennis 9,10



Tristan Dawson
Basketball 9-12;
Basketball Captain 12;
Teacher Aide 11; Track
9,12



Xaviera Day



Amanda Degard
Drama Club 9-12; Drama
Club Officer 11,12; Fall
Play 9-12; Kids on the
Block 9-12; Quest/
Natural Helpers 9,10;
Quest Officer 9,10;
Revue 9-12; Spring Play
9-12; Thespians 9-12;
Pirate Council 11,12;
Teacher Aide 12



Anthony Dennis
Basketball 9-11; CAD
11,12



Kathryn E. Diehl
Band 9-11; Class Tres. 10;
Class Gov't 9-12; IU Honors
Program 11; Jazz Impress.
11; NHS 11,12; Student
Advisory Comm. 11; Student
Gov't 9-12; Student Gov't VP
11; Student Gov't Pres. 12;
Pirate Council 11



Rob Dombrowski
PNN 11,12



Ryan Donohue
Baseball 9-12; NHS
11,12



Krista Dora
Class Gov't 12; SOSA
12; Key Club 12;
Planetarium 12; PNN
10; STAND 12; Student
Gov't 12; Volleyball
Student Manager 10;
Tennis Manager 11,12



Jens Douglas
CAD 9-12; Choral
Teens 9; Concert Choir
10; Decathlon Team 9;
Fall Play 11,12; Football
9; Swimming 10,11;
Vocal Teens 11,12



Allison Dyer
Cross Country 9,10;
Teacher Aide 11,12;
Orchestra 9,10; Track
9-12; Track Captain 12



Chevon Earl
Gary Area Career
Center 11; SADD 12



Christian Marie Ellis
Drama Club 11,12; Key
Club 11,12; Kids on the
Block 11; PNN 11,12;
Softball 9,10,12; STAND
11,12; Softball Manager 11;
Football Trainer 11,12;
Basketball Trainer 11,12;
Wrestling Trainer 11,12



NaQuita Elmore
Band 9,10; Concert
Choir 12; Teens for
Christ 9-12



Erin R. Ely
Science Olympiad
11; Softball 9-11;
Softball Captain 12;
STAND 9-12; STAND
Officer 11



Elena Estes
Art Club 10-12; Band 9-11;
Color Guard 12; SOSA 11,12;
SOSA Officer 12; Drama Club
9,11,12; Fall Play 9,12;
Newspr. 12; Revue 10,12; Sci
Olympiad 11; Debate Team 9;
Spring Play 9,12; Valentine's
Day Dance Queen 9



Julianne Fabian
Art Club 10-12; CAD
10-12; Drama 11,12;
Fall Play 11,12; Golf
9-12; Golf Captain
12; NHS 11,12; Sci
Olympiad 11; Spring
Play 11,12; Thespians
11,12



Maegin Farmer
Drama Club 9-12; Drama
Club Officer 11; Fall Play
9; Quest/Natural Helpers
9,10; Quest Officer 10;
Revue 10-12; Spring Play
9,10; STAND 12; Teacher
Aide 12; Thespians 10-12



Brandon Fazekas



Jenni Wade Festa
Choir 9-12; Drama Club
9-12; Fall Play 10-12; French
Club 10-12; Kids on the
Block 9-12; PNN 11,12;
Revue 12; Senior Video
Editor 12; Spring Play 9-12;
Student Gov't 12; Thespians
9-12; WMHS 11,12



Michael Finchum
Drama Club 9-12;
Drama Club Officer 12;
Fall Play 9-12; Kids on
the Block 9-12;
Orchestra 9-12; Spring
Play 9-12; Thespians 9-
12; Thespians Officer
12



Brandon Fisher



**Brandy Nicole
Fitzgerald**



Erica Fizer
Color Guard 10; Dance
Team 9-11; Key Club 11;
NHS 11,12; Guidance Aide
12; Peer Mediator 9-12;
Student Government 12;
Varsity Choir 9; Yearbook
12; Yearbook Academics
Editor 12



Andrew D. Ford
Band 9,10; HERO 12;
Quest/Natural Helpers
10



Jovonté Ford
Band 9,10



Kyle Foree
Band 9,10; Cross
Country 11; Teacher
Aide 12; Track 10-12;
Track Captain 12



Megan Frasca
Class Government 12;
Golf 9-12; Golf Captain
12; NHS 11,12; NHS
Secretary 12; Peer
Mediator 9-12; Softball 9;
SADD 11; Student Gov't
12; Yearbook Business
Manager 12



Shaun Freeman
Band 9; Football 9



Jaclyn Gabrysiak
Aide 12; STAND 12



**DeUnique Annae
Cant**
Revue 10; Girl's
Basketball Student
Manager 9; Basketball
Homecoming Court 11;
Teacher Aide 12;
Track 10



Alexandra Garritano

Drama Club 9-12; Drama Club Officer 12; Fall Play 9,11,12; Kids on the Block 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; Quest/Natural Helpers 9,10; Revue 10-12; Spring Play 9,10,12; Thespians 9-12



Alex Gates

Football 9-12; Teacher Aide 12; Weightlifting Competition 12



Elaine C. Gemelas

NHS 11,12; Newspaper 11,12; PNN 12; Quill & Scroll 12; Track 9; Pirate Council 12; Volleyball 9,10; Weightlifting Competition 10; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Editor 12



Robert Anthony Gonzalez



Amber Goodman

Basketball Homecoming Court 9,10; Drama Club 9,10; Key Club 9,10; NHS 11,12; PNN 12; Prom Court 11; Prom Queen 11; STAND 12



Johnyce Goosby

Academic Super Bowl 10-12; Band 9-12; Fall Play 9; FCCLA VP 11,12; Jazz Impressions 9-11; Peer Mediator 9,12; Quill & Scroll 12; Sci Olympiad 11; Sp Bowl 10-12; STAND 11,12; Yrbk Fresh. Editor 12



Roland Graham Jr.
Tennis 10
Felicitia Anne



Laurel ElMarie Graves

All Choirs 9-12; Color Guard 9; Drama Club 10-12; Fall Play 10-12; French Club 10-12; Softball 9,10,12; Spring Play 10,11; Student Govt 12; Thespians 11,12; Volleyball 9



Ashley Green

Band 9; Basketball 9-11; HERO 12; STAND 9; Teacher Aide 12; Track 9,10,12



Kymalee B. Gresh

Art Club 10; Drama Club 9-12; Fall Play 9-12; Revue 9-12; Spring Play 9-12; Teacher Aide 12; Thespians 9-12



Megan Grezovski

HERO 12; Quest/Natural Helpers 9-11; Quest Officer 11



Eric Guajardo



Molly Guernsey

Gary Area Career Center 11,12; Pin Pal 9; Soccer 10; Football Student Manager 11,12



Jackie Gurney

Key Club 12; Natural Helper 9,10; Soccer 9-12; Teacher Aide 12



Lia Guzman



Julian Guzman



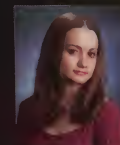
Elizabeth Hall

Band 9-12; Debate 10,11; Drama Club 9; Drumline 10; Planetarium 9-11; Russian Club 11; Russian Club Officer 11; Student Advisory Committee 9-12; Student Government 9; Winter Drumline 9



Brittany Hamlin

Dance Team 9-12; Dance Team Captain 11,12; Peer Mediator 9-11; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Editor 12



Christine Hanson

Orchestra 9-11; Teacher Aide 12



Beverly Haro

NHS 11,12; Spanish Club 10-12; STAND 11,12; STAND Officer 12; SADD 11,12



Christopher Michael Lloyd Haro

Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Baseball 9; Jazz Impact 10-12; Aide 12



Fabian Haro



Jacqueline Hartford

Choral Teens 11; Fall Play 10,11; French Club 11,12; Gymnastics 9; NHS 11,12; National French Test 10,12; Newspaper 12; Show Choir 12; Varsity Choir 9; Velveteens 10; Vocal Teens 12



Shenell Haynes

Basketball 9; Aide 12; STAND 9; Track 10



Matt Hays
Autoshop 11,12;
Swimming 9-12;
Swimming Captain
11,12



Kimberly Heath
Quest/Natural Helpers
10; STAND 12



Laura Heidler
Class Gov't 10-12;
FCCLA 10; NHS 11, 12;
Aide 11; Quill & Scroll
12; Student Gov't 9-12;
Student Gov't Officer
10-12; Aide 11;
Yearbook Clubs &
Organizations Editor 12



Clayton Henry



John Hicks



Jennifer Highsmith
Peer Mediator 9; Quill
& Scroll 12; Softball 9;
Softball Student
Manager 10; Yearbook
12; Yearbook Sales
Manager 12; Yearbook
Clubs & Activities Editor
12



Ashley Hinchin
Class Government 12;
Color Guard 10; Dance
Team 9-12; Key Club
10; NHS 11,12; Quest/
Natural Helpers 10;
Quill & Scroll 12;
Revue 12; Yearbook
Junior Editor 12



Greg Hite



Jon Hmurovich
Building Trades 11,12;
Football 11,12; Gary
Area Career Center 11



Franketta Hogan
Aide 12; Spanish Club
12; Tennis 11



Phyllisha Howard
French Club 10-12;
French Club Officer
11,12; Football
Homecoming Court 12;
Basketball
Homecoming Court 9-
12; NHS 11,12; Revue
12



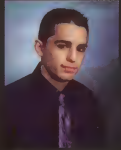
Dennis Howell
Basketball 9-12; Basketball
Captain 12; Concert Choir 9;
FCCLA 12; Football 9-12; Key
Club 11,12; NHS 11,12; Prom
Court 11; Quest 11; STAND
12; Student Advisory Comm.
9-12; Teens for Christ 9-12;
Track 10



Brittany Huish
Basketball 9-12;
Basketball Captain 12;
NHS 11,12; PNN 12;
Softball 9-12; Softball
Captain 12; Volleyball
Captain 12



Wala Issa
Basketball 10



Alexander James
Autoshop 12



TeNita Jamison



Ashly Janovick
Dance Team 9-12;
Dance Team Captain
11,12; Orchestra 9-12



Kimberly Jansen
Choir 9-11; Fall Play
10; Peer Helper 12;
Soccer 9-12; Soccer
Captain 11,12; Student
Advisory Comm. 9-12;
Football Trainer 10-12;
Basketball Trainer 10-
12



Tim Jelinek
Soccer 9-12; Soccer
Captain 12



Natasha Jennings
Basketball 9-12;
Volleyball 9-11



Amber Nicole Jimenez
Art Club 10; Chess Club 9; Choir
9-11; Debate 9,10; Drama Club
9-12; Fall Play 10-12; French
Club 10; Kids on the Block 12;
Planetarium 9,10; PNN 12; Quest
9,10; Spring Play 11,12;
Swimming 9; Thespians 11,12;
Valentine's Day Dance Queen 10



Richard Jimenez



DeAundra Johnson
Concert Band 9-12;
Marching Band 10-12;
Pep Band 9-12; Teens
for Christ 11,12



Mylah Johnson
Concert Choir 9; Key
Club 10-12; Aide 12



Octavio Johnson



Quintoria Johnson



Ashley Erin Jones
Concert Band 9,10;
Marching Band 9,10;
Pep Band 9,10; French
Club 12; Tennis 11,12



Charles Jones



Khember Jones



Tiffany Jones



Michelle Jordan



Michael Jordon



David Miles Jutkus
Baseball 9-12; CAD 10-
12; NHS 11,12;
Weightlifting
Competition 12;
Wrestling 9,10



Michael Kanouse



Sahson Karimi
HERO 12; Soccer 9-12;
Soccer Captain 12;
Track 9



Matthew Kasperan
Marching Band 9-12;
Drum Major 11,12;
Golf 9-12; Jazz
Impressions 9-11; Jazz
Impact 12



Robbiann Keaton
Bowling Team 9-12;
Bowling Team Captain
11,12



John Kedziora
Autoshop 12; Football
9,10; Orchestra 9-12;
Wrestling 9,10



Christopher Kelly



Tiffany Kelly
Peer Helper 12



Teneka Kindred



Natalie King
Academic Spr Bowl 9;
Basketball Home. Queen
12; Football Home. Court
12; Key Club 10,11,12;
Key Club Officer 11; Spell
Bowl Team 9; Tennis 11;
Track 10,11



Sean Kinsey
Basketball 9-11;
Football 9-12; Track
11; Yearbook 12;
Yearbook Sophomore
Editor 12



Taneisha Kirk
Color Guard 9,10; Fall
Play 10,11; STAND 9;
Track 9; Varsity Choir
9; Velveteens 10,11



Kassandra Kluga
Orchestra 9-12



Erin Knight
Class Vice President
9,10; Class President
11; Class Government
9-12; NHS 11,12; Peer
Mediator 9-12; Quill
and Scroll 12; Student
Government 9-12;
Yearbook 12



Adam Koartge
Baseball 9



Rebecca Kohler
Band 9-12; Jazz
Impressions 10; Jazz
Impact 10-12; NHS
11,12; Soccer 9,10;
Student Government 12



Katie Komisarick
Color Guard 9; Peer
Helper 11; Pin Pal 9;
Football Student
Manager 10-12



Sarra Kwell
Concert and Marching
Bands 9; Bowling Team
10,11; Cross Country 9-
12; Cross Country
Captain 12; NHS 11,12;
Student Government
11; Track 9-12



Tricia Lakatos
Cheerleading 9-12;
Orchestra 9-12;
Spanish Club 11,12;
WMHS 11



**Alexandra L.
LaPinta**
Art Club 10,12; STAND
11,12; STAND Officer
12; SADD 11,12



Steven Lares II
Basketball 9; Football
9,11; Key Club 11;
Quest/Natural Helpers
10; Track 9-12



Dale Lee
Autoshop 12; Football
9-12



Jeremy Leschinsky



Vincent Ligon
Key Club 11,12;
STAND 11,12; STAND
Officer 11; SADD
11,12; SADD Officer
12



Justin Little
CAD 12; Weightlifting
Competition 11;
Wrestling 11



Anthony Llano



Tanesha Logan
Band 9; Volleyball 9;
Key Club 9



Garrett Lohr



Sarah Lopez
Marching Band 9,10;
Dance Team 10-12;
Basketball
Homecoming Court
10; Dance Team
10,11



Brandon Kyle Loudermilk
Baseball 9,10; Basketball 9-12;
Choral Teens 10-12; Concert
Choir 9; Fall Play 10,11;
Football 9-11; NHS 11,12; PNN
12; Show Choir 9-12; Spring
Play 11,12; Thespians 11,12;
Vocal Teens 11,12



Alisha Lucas
Bowling Team 9-12;
Concert Choir 9;
French Club 9-12; IU
Honors Program 10;
NHS 12



Michelle Luttinen
Pep and Concert Bands
9,10; Key Club 11,12



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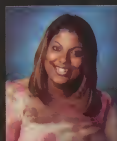
Kelvin Mack



Brenna Madafferi
HERO 12



**Kendall Rose
Maddox**
Environmental Club 9-
12; Environmental Club
Officer 9-12; HERO
12; Marine Biology 9-
12; Quest/Natural
Helpers 9-11; Quest
Officer 11



Benita F. Madry
French Club 12; Key
Club 11, 12; Quest/
Natural Helpers 9,10;



Melanie Maple
Band 9; Cross Country
11; Dance Team 9,10;
NHS 11,12; Track 9-11



Aaron W. Marcus
Band 9,10; Basketball
9-12; Track 10



Neil Marek
Autoshop 12; Bowling Team
9-12; CAD 10-12; Golf 9,10



Donal Marler
Marching Band 9-12;
Pep Band 9-12;
Drumline 9-12; Jazz
Impact 9-12; Tennis
9; Winter Drumline 9-
12



Kevin Marsh
Baseball 9-11; Football
9-12; Teacher Aide 12;
Weightlifting
Competition 11



Scott Mathewson
NHS 11,12; Teacher
Aide 11



Joshua Mayo
Basketball 9-12;
Basketball Captain
11,12; NHS 11,12;
Peer Helper 12; Teens
for Christ 10-12; Track
12; Fellowship of
Christian Athletes 12



Gabrielle Mays



Ineke McMillan
Basketball 9; Choral
Teens 11,12; Guidance
Aide 12; Quest/Natural
Helpers 10; STAND
11,12; Teens for Christ
10; Varsity Choir 9;
Velveteens 10



Mandy Medellin
Key Club 12; Soccer 9-
11; STAND 12; Soccer
Student Manager 12



**Christopher D.
Mercado**
Autoshop 12; Wrestling
9,10



Nikki Meyer
Art Club 11,12; Drama
Club 11; NHS 11,12;
Revue 11; Spring Play
11; Girl Scouts 10-12



Jeremy Mican



Brandon Miller
PNN 11,12; Revue 10-
12; STAND 10; Teens
for Christ 12



Jason Mitchell
Football 9-11; Revue
11



**Bianca
Mizimakoski**
Band 9,10; Dance
Team 10-12; Drama
Club 9-12; Fall Play 9-
12; Revue 12; Soccer
9; Spring Play 9-12;
Thespians 9-12



Dwayne Momon
Basketball 9-12



**Ann Marie
Monteen**



Adalya Moore
Dance Team 9,10; Key
Club 10,11; Key Club
Officer 11; PNN 12;
STAND 11



Jessica Moore
Commenc. Plan Comm.
12; SOSA 12; Key Club 10-
12; National French Test
11,12; Pirate Council 12;
Prom Committee 11,12;
Revue 12; SADD 11;
Teacher Aide 11; Track
9,11,12



**Michael Lawrence
Moriarty**
Autoshop 12; Baseball
9



Adam D. Morris
Baseball 9; Revue 11;
Soccer 10-12; Soccer
Captain 12;
Weightlifting
Competition 10,11



**Candice Lynn
Murphy**
Academic Super Bowl
9; Cheerleading 9; Key
Club 10-12; Football
Student Trainer 12;
Spell Bowl 9;
Swimming 9; Track 11



Courtney Myricks
JROTC 12



Sneza Nacovski
Marching Band 9-12;
Pep Band 9-12;
Swimming 10-12;



Mike Nason
Autoshop 12; Football
9-11; PNN 9-12;



Michael Neal
Basketball 10; Football
9-12; Football Captain
12; Mr. Football 12;
Prom Court 11



Kristen Marie Neese
Cheerleading 9-12; Cheer
Capt. 9,12; Football/
Basketball Homecoming Court
12; NHS 11,12; NHS Pres.
12; Newspaper 11; Pirate
Council 12; PNN 12; Prom
Court 11; Quill & Scroll 12;
Yrbk. Senior Editor 12



Gary Nelson
Wrestling 9-12



Stephanie Neville
Band 9,10; Basketball
9; Aide 12; STAND 9;
Cross Country Student
Manager 10; Tennis
9,11; Track 9-12; Track
Captain 12



Danielle Nikrin
Color Guard 10; Dance
Team 9-12; Key Club
10,11; NHS 11,12; NHS
Treasurer 12; Newspaper
11; Peer Mediator 9-12;
Quill and Scroll 12; Revue
12; Winter Drumline 9;
Yearbook Senior Editor 12



Greg Niksich
Autoshop 12; Band
9,10; NHS 11,12;
National French Test
11; Tennis 9



Lindsey Nosich



Amy O'Neill
Drama Club 12; Fall
Play 12; Teacher Aide
11,12; Quest/Natural
Helpers 11; Quest
Officer 11; Spring Play
12; Student
Government 11,12;
Teens for Christ 11,12



James O'Reilly
Autoshop 12



Aron Okichich
Class Treasurer 9;
Office Aide 9-12;
Swimming 9,10,12;
Swimming Captain 12



**Nicole Ashly
Olivares**
Choral Teens 11,12;
Drama Club 9,10; Fall Play
9,10; Soccer 12; Spring
Play 9,10; Swimming 9-
12; Swimming Captain 12;
Thespians 10-12; Varsity
Choir 9; Velvetene 10



Kevin Olson
Autoshop 11; CAD 11;
Football 9-11;
Basketball
Homecoming Court 12



Sully Osorio



Jamie Lee Parker
Bowling Team 11,12;
French Club 11;
Orchestra 9-12; Spring
Play 11



Michelle Paskash
Softball 9-12



Matthew Paul
Band 9; Baseball 9-12;
Football 10



Kristi Pawlowski
Cheerleading 9-12;
Basketball
Homecoming Court 10;
Prom Court 11



**Bonnie Elizabeth
Payo**
Color Guard 9,10;
Decathlon Team 11,12;
NHS 11,12



Ronnie Pedroza
Cheerleading 9-12;
Concert Choir 9;
Spanish Club 11;
WMHS 11



Anita Pejowski
HERO 12



Tritia Pesnaux
Aide 11



Cheekera Pfeifer



Alex Phy
Autoshop 12; NHS 11



**Kristina Graciela
Pimentel**
Revue 11



Michael Pittman



Dave Plasencia
Football 9-12; Golf 12;
JETS 12; Teacher Aide
12



Melodie Plummer



Kristy Lynn Polster
Cheerleading 9-12; BBall
Homecoming Court 9,11;
BBall Homecoming Princess
11; NHS 11,12; Peer Med.
9-12; PNN 12; Prom Court
11; Quill & Scroll 12; Revue
9, 12; Softball 10; Spring Play
9; Yrbk. Std. Life Editor 12



Bryan Popa



Jenn Porter
NHS 11,12



Aaron Potter
Building Trades 12;
CAD 11; Track 9,12;
Weightlifting
Competition 11,12;
Wrestling 10-12



Nate Powell
Football 9-12; Football
Captain 12; Wrestling
11, 12; Basketball
Homecoming Court 12;
PNN 11,12



**Sheridan Darnell
Powell II**
Band 9,10; Football 11;
Gary Area Career
Center 11,12; Student
Advisory 9-12



Andrew Pritt
Football 9,10; Pressman
10-12



Katelyn Mae Pruitt
Color Guard 10; Dance
Team 9-11; Key Club
9,10; Aide 9, 12; Peer
Mediator 10-12; Peer
Student Advisory
Committee 9-12;
Tennis 9-12



Joe Purevich
Football 9-12



Matt Quintanilla



**Andrea Lynn
Rainaldi**
Choral Teens 11,12;
Drama Club 9,10; Fall
Play 9,10; Key Club 12;
Kids on the Block 9,10;
Spring Play 9,10;
Thespians 9-12; Varsity
Choir 9; Velveteens 10



Maria Ramirez
Yearbook 12; Yearbook
Freshman Editor 12



Salimah Rasheed



Jim Reitz
Baseball 9-12; Baseball
Captain 12; Basketball
9-12; Basketball
Captain 11,12; CAD
10-12; Football 9-12;
Football Captain 12;
Prom Court 11; Speech
& Debate 9



Jon Reynolds
Band 9; Basketball 9-
12; Football 11; JETS 11



Amie Richard



Miriam Rivera



Anitra Robinson
HERO 12; Key Club 11;
Natural Helpers 11



Ashley Robinson
HERO 12; STAND 11;
SADD 11; Swimming 9-
12



Eric Robinson
CAD 11,12; Track 9



Evelyn Robinson
SOSA 11,12



Evangelina Rojo
Choral Teens 11; Fall
Play 10,11; Show Choir
12; Spanish Club 10;
STAND 10-12; STAND
Officer 11,12; SADD
11; Varsity Choir 9;
Velveteens 10; Vocal
Teens 12



Erika Rouse



Brandon Rush



Jocelyn Patrice Russell

Basketball 9; Drama Club 9,12; Fall Play 9; National French Test 11,12; Spell Bowl Team 11,12; Track 11,12



Jimmy Ryan
Baseball 10-12



Adam Sak



Jessica Sanchez



Brittany Sanders



Kim Sandifer
Band 9; Media Service Aide 12



Scott Santelik
CAD 10-12; Cross Country 9,10; Teacher Aide 10; Track 9



Virgil Savage
Basketball 9; Football 9-12; Track 9-11; Weightlifting Competition 12



Brendan Schafer II
Baseball 9-12; NHS 11,12; PNN 12; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Sports Editor 12; Newspaper 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 12



Meghan Marie Schafer
HERO 12; Quest/ Natural Helpers 11; Softball 9,10; STAND 9; Teacher Aide 11,12; Volleyball 9



Kiera Shelton
Student Basketball Manager 9; Teens for Christ 9-12



Nicole Shudick
Basketball 9-12; Soccer 11



Casey Sieb
Choral Teens 12; Fall Play 10,11; Teens for Christ 11; Vanity Choir 9; Velvetteens 10,11



Kimberly Simmons
French Club 11,12; French Club Officer 12; Key Club 12; Aide 12; STAND 12; Teens for Christ 12



Kristopher Simonovski



Stephanie Simpson



Brett Skorupa
Cross Country 9-12; JETS 11; Track 9-12



Amanda Slaughter



Thomas Slivka

Class Treas. 12; Commencement Planning 12; Class Gov't 11,12; Diving 9-11; Diving Captain 11; Key Club 11; Marine Bio. 11; Newspr 12; Orch. 9-11; Quill & Scroll 12; Student Gov't 11,12; Swimming 9-11; Swimming Captain 11; Aide 12; Yrbk. 12



Centresha Smith



David Smith
HERO 12



Jason Smith
Football 9-12; Track 11,12



Marques Smith
Basketball 9-11



Steven Smith



Kimberly Sneiderwine
Soccer 9-12



Joe Sobek
Academic Super Bowl 10-12; Class Sec 9; Class Gov. 9; Decathlon Team 10-12; Ice Hockey 10-12; Ice Hockey Captain 12; Orch 9-12; Quiz Bowl 9-12; Student Gov 9



Matt Sopko
Autoshop 12; Choral Teens 10-12; Concert Choir 9; Fall Play 10,11; Football 9-11; Track 10,12; Vocal Teens 11,12



Zach Sowash
Pep Band 9-12; Baseball 9; CAD 10-12; Drumline 9-12; Winter Drum Line 9-12



Katie Spaliaras
Cheerleading 9,10; Class Gov't 12; Golf 9; NHS 11, 12; NHS VP 12; Newspaper 12; Newspaper Editor 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Student Gov't 12; Yrbk. Student Life Editor 12; Pirate Council 12



Dane Spann
Aktion Club 12



Steve Stackert
Autoshop 11,12; Cross Country 9,10; Track 9



Megan Stacks
Quest/Natural Helpers 9; Softball 9-11; STAND 12; Student Government 11; Volleyball 9,10



Jeffrey Stelzer
Building Trades 11,12; Aide 11; Soccer 9,10



Courtney Stephens



Nicole Marie Steriovski
Color Guard 10; Dance Team 9,10; Key Club 10; NHS 11,12; Quill & Scroll 12; Soccer 11; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Performing Arts Editor 12



Chris Sternberg
Autoshop 12



Sable Strickland
Gary Area Career Center 11; Basketball Homecoming Court 11; Revue 10-12; STAND 9-12; Teens for Christ 12; JROTC 12; Teacher Aid 12



Mariana Suleska
HERO 12



John Summers
PNN 12; Teacher Aide 12



Dustin Tarr
Band 9-11; CAD 11,12; Jazz Impressions 9,10; Jazz Impact 11; Soccer 11



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Spell Bowl 12



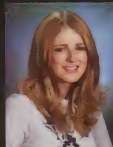
Kendall Thomas
Marching Band 9-12; Football 11,12; Track 9-12; Autoshop 12



Rachael Thomas
Marching Band 9,10; Pep Band 9,10; FCCLA 10-12; Track 9



Carl Thompson



Jenna Thornley



Claudia Tirado-Martinez
French Club 10,12; Spanish Club 11,12; STAND 12; SADD 11,12; Varsity Choir 9



Chaquilla Tucker
Basketball 9-12;
Basketball Captain 9-11;
Cross Country 12;
Basketball Homecoming
Court 11; Quest 10;
STAND 9; Track & Field
Manager 11,12; Teens
for Christ 12



David Underhill
Art Club 10-12;
Football 9



Caressa Upchurch



Brittany Ursery
Basketball 9-12



Kim Uzelac



Kimberly A. Vanek
Class Gov't 10-12; FCCLA
9-12; FCCLA Officer 10-12;
NHS 11,12; Peer Helper
12; Pirate Council 11,12;
Quest 10,11; Spanish Club
10,11; STAND 9-11;
Student Gov't 10-12;
Student Gov't Officer 11,12



Stacey Veldman
Marching Band 9-11;
Pep Band 9-11;
Concert Band 9,10



Cory Wagner



Elena Waitkevich



**Stephanie
Waldron**
Marching Band 9-12;
Pep Band 9-12; Student
Government 12



Ashley Walker
HERO 12; Aide 11,12;
Teens for Christ 11



Courtney Walker



Kier Walker
Football 9,11; Track 10



Benjamin Warman
CAD 12; Swimming
9,12



Joia Dayne Warner
Acad Spr Bowl 10-12; Band
9-12; Class VP 9,11; Class
Sec10; Class Pres 12; Class
Gov't 9-12; FCCLA 9-12; Jazz
Impact 9-11; Key Club 12;
NHS 11,12; Science Olym.
11; Spell Bowl 11; STAND
10; Student Gov't 10-12



Kristine Warshall
Soccer 9-11; Soccer
Captain 11



**Paul Michael
Weed**
NHS 11,12



**Kenyetta Charae'
West**
Band 9,10; Basketball
10,11; Class Pres 9,10;
Class Gov't 9,10,12;
Peer Helper 12; Prom
Committee 12; Track 9-
12; Track Captain 12;
Volleyball 9,10



Kimberly White



**Trisha Lynn
Whittemore**



Mark Wieneke II
Cheerleading 9-12;
Orchestra 9-12; Track 9



**Matthew Adam
Wieneke**
Band 9-12



Shakiya Wiley
Choral Teens 12; Drama Club
9-12; Fall Play 11,12; Career
Center 11; Aide; 11; Peer
Helper 10; Peer Mediator 10;
Revue 12; STAND 9; Student
Gov't 9,10; Varsity Choir 9;
Velveteens 10,11; Vocal Teens
12; Key Club 9



Alberta Wilkerson
Aide 12



Justin Hall Williams

Football 9-12; Teacher Aide 12; Teens for Christ 11,12; Track 10,11; Weightlifting Competition 11



Lagina Lorelle Williams

Marching Band 9,10; FCCLA 12; Key Club 11,12; Key Club Officer 12; NHS 11,12; Peer Helper 11; Spanish Club 12; STAND 11,12; STAND Officer 12; Student Gov't 12; Tennis 9-12; WMHS 10



Natassia Williams

Basketball 9,10; FCCLA 12; French Club 11,12; French Club Officer 12; Key Club 11,12; Key Club Officer 12; NHS 11,12; STAND 12



Shana Lois Williams

Choral Teens 12; Choir 9-11; Fall Play 11; Peer Helper 12; Peer Med. 10,11; Show Choir 9-12; STAND 9-12; Track Manager 9,10; Bball Manager 9,10; Teacher Aide 12; Teens for Christ 10



Trenika Williams

Acad Spr Bowl 11,12; Band 9-12; Class Gov't 11,12; Decath 11,12; Drum Mjr 12; FCCLA 11,12; Key Club 10; NHS 11,12; Quiz Bowl 12; Sci Olymp 11,12; Span. Club 11,12; Spell Bowl 11,12; STAND 12; Teens for Christ 11,12



Ryan Willis

Bowling Team 9-12



Devin Wilson

Key Club 10-12; Key Club Officer 11,12; Teacher Aide 12; Quest/Natural Helpers 9, 10



Kendra Wilson

Key Club 10-12; Key Club Officer 11,12; Quest/Natural Helpers 9, 10; STAND 12



Gen Wirtz

Art Club 10; Chess Club 11; Concert Choir 10-12; German Club 11,12; Student Football Manager 10-12



Shaun Wood

Class Gov't 10-12; Choir 9-12; Drama Club 9,10; Fall Play 9-11; JETS 11,12; Kids on the Block 9,10; NHS 11,12; National Spanish Test 12; Revue 12; Show Choir 10-12; Spanish Club 12; Spring Play 9-11;



Bart Woodward

Football 9-12; Football Captain 12; Track 9



Candice Rene' Wright

Basketball 9-12; Basketball Captain 10,12; Cross Country 12; Football Homecoming Queen 12; Track 9-12; Track Captain 12



On the home court, Senior Josh Mayo drives for a basket. Mayo, who is attending the University of Illinois at Chicago on a full ride scholarship for basketball, said that there is a lot of pressure being a senior on the Basketball Team. "I will miss my friends, the basketball team, and my girl, Meleha, the most," he said. On the other hand, Mayo said that he will not miss all the homework and waking up early. He said, "You have to give all you have because this is all you have left."



Holding the microphones on the stage of Reinhart Auditorium, Senior NaQuita Elmore sings in the final performance of the 2005 Revue. Regarding her senior year, Elmore said, "There were no challenges. It was just fun."

Music filled the room as Senior Dennis Howell dances with Senior TeNita Jamison. Howell said, "The dance was a fun, great experience. It gave me a chance to give back to the community."



John Wright



Samantha Diane Wright

Teacher Aide 10; Peer Mediator 9-12; SADD 10-12; Baseball Student Manager 11,12; Football Student Trainer 12; Basketball Student Trainer 12



Alyssa Marie Ziller

Key Club 11,12; Quest/Natural Helpers 10; Soccer 10



Camera Shy Seniors

Sayid Abdul Hafiz

Decathlon Team 11; FCCLA 12; Football 12; Key Club 12; Peer Helper 12; STAND 12; Track 9,10, 12

Amber Akhlaq

Key Club 11; STAND 11,12

Javier Alvelo

Matthew Charles Bigelow

Autoshop 12

Ben Blondeel

Autoshop 12

Federick A. Blue

Football 11, 12; Key Club 10,11

Nolan Buck

Choral Teens 9-12; SOSA 9-11; Drama Club 9-12; Fall Play 9-12; Kids on the Block 11,12; Spring Play 9-12; Student Government 9; Teacher Aide 11,12; Thespians 9-12

Gary Clenna

CAD 12

Paired J. Davis

Baseball 9; Cross Country 10; Drill Team 10; Tennis 10; Track 9,12; Wrestling 9

Ryan Fravel

HERO 12

Jakob Friess

Soccer 12

Erin Garcia

Autoshop 11; STAND 12; Teacher Aide 12

Candice Gnlika

HERO 12; Spanish Club 10

Wesley Grimes

Sara Grzybowski

Varsity Choir 9

Shawn Hahney

Autoshop 11; Building Trades 12; Football 9; Teacher Aide 12

Ed Hernandez

Kisha Horton

Tennis 9

David Hudson

Adrian Jones

Band 9,10; Baseball 11; Football 9-12; Key Club 11,12; Science Olympiad 11

Gerard Jones

Kevin James Jordan

Autoshop 12; Football 9-12; German Club 9,10

Douglas Kurczynski

Baseball 9-12; Baseball Captain 12; Building Trades 12; Football 9-12; Pirate Mascot 9-12; Basketball Student Trainer 11,12; Wrestling 9,10

Garrett Langham

Autoshop 11,12

Bobby Lockett

Steve Metz

Weightlifting Competition 9,11,12; Wrestling 10

Whittney Mobley

Alexander J. Nadolski

CAD 12

Elizabeth Nomanson

NHS 11,12

Brandon Pruitt

JROTC 12

Holly Elizabeth Radford

Key Club 12; Teacher Aide 11

Jeremy R. Roark

Art Club 9-12; Concert Choir 9; Drama Club 9-11; Fall Play 9-12; French Club 9-11; German Club 9,10; STAND 9,10; Student Government 12; Thespians 11,12

Ashley Marie Rourke

Basketball 9; Choral Teens 9,10; Color Guard 9; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 11; Spanish Club 10

Kristy Snelson

Dance Team 11; Drill Team 10; Homecoming Court 9; NHS 11; Peer Helper 9; Pep Club 9-11; Spanish Club 9-11; STAND 12



Josh Stanek

Paul Terrebbonne

Special Olympics 9-12; Aktion Club 12

John Thomas

Keifton Tinsley

Football 9,10

Mark Tokarski

Autoshop 12

Sebastian Van Wickern

Soccer 12

Thomas E. Vaulx Jr.

Concert Choir 9; FCCLA 12; Football 9,11; Peer Helper 11; Science Olympiad 11; Span Club 10; Teens for Christ 9,10; Track 12; Weightlifting Comp 12

Jessica Werth

Michelle Westbury

Quest/Natural Helpers 9

Jason Wildes

Autoshop 12



During halftime, Senior Bianca Mizimakoski entertains the crowd. "I'm excited that we did halftime this year because we usually don't get to," said Mizimakoski. As a senior member, Mizimakoski said she is going to miss the team next year.

At the Holiday Concert, Senior Ashly Janovick strums her violin. "I originally wanted to play the flute, but I decided to play the violin instead," said Janovick. Besides being involved in orchestra, Janovick also performs with the school's Dance Team.

"The play was extremely fun. The whole cast bonded. We became a family," Senior Amanda Degard said regarding her role in the fall play, "Seussical the Musical." Degard, President of the Dramatic Society, began acting in seventh grade and plans to attend Ball State University where she will major in theatre. Degard said that she will miss the people that have influenced her life when she leaves high school.



Douglas Kurczynski



Nate Powell and Michael Pender



Erin Knight and Jennifer Highsmith



Driving in Steven Smith's Mustang convertible. Seniors Candice Gnlika, Brandon Rush, Anthony Llano and Ryan Fravel wave to the camera during the Drive-Around.

Opting to rollerblade instead of drive, Justin Little waves to his fellow students. Many seniors, along with Little, used different methods of transportation, including go-carts and bicycles.



Senior Breakfast & Drive-Around



Dr. Mark Sperling gives his final Senior Breakfast speech as principal.



Bryan Popa and Katelyn Pruitt



Brandon Loudermilk shows the seniors that they are number one after beating the faculty in basketball.



Lagina Williams takes pictures, a common ritual at Senior Breakfast.



Robert Gonzalez looks a little unsure as he glances at the breakfast line.



Kiong Shelton and Christian Ellis



Meisha Baker and Kimberly Simmons read the 2005 Senior Magazine.



Seniors watch a preview of the senior video.

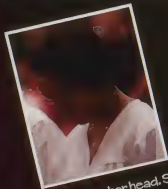
Baccalaureate & Graduation



While reading the poem "Joyride," Senior Jessica Moore realizes that graduation is finally here. Moore said she will miss her friends and the activities she was involved in during high school.



Ready to graduate, Senior Brandon Loudermilk stands in front of his peers singing "Ave Maria." Loudermilk said the speakers "really got the point across on how students going to college can dodge obstacles in their lives."



As she bows her head, Senior Courtney Walker prays silently. "It was very nice and I'm glad I attended."



"It was very encouraging to see two students speak," said Senior Heather Cooper who also said she is ready to graduate. Cooper sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" and said she enjoyed the "beautiful service."



"I feel that this is something spiritual that they can always lean back on and hold on to," said Mr. Tom Beebe.



Baccalaureate, held June 5 at Our Lady of Consolation Church, featured many speakers, including Dr. Mark Sperling.



Seniors Justin Stokes and Chris Sternberg applaud their parents during the ceremony.

With a step from the podium, Mr. Jeffrey Yelton, keynote speaker, addresses the graduates.



Family and friends watch as the graduates enter the Star Theatre.



Dr. Mark Sperling addresses the Senior Class.



The ROTC stands at attention during the presentation of colors.



Seniors Maeglin Farmer and Julie Fabian mingle with their fellow graduates.



Senior Neil Marek waits for the ceremony to begin.

Phiyanka Arshianapalli



Validatorian

Jaymimi Dave



Validatorian

Kathryn Diehl



Validatorian

Class Gift



Danielle Nitkin



Validatorian

Shaun Wood



Validatorian

Elaina Geneslas



Validatorian

Best Actor/Actress



Colton Buck & Ashli Rose

Class Clown



Robbie Smith & Ashli Rose

Best Eyes



Justin Bell & Ashli Rose

Most Athletic



Bryson Hirsch & Ashli Rose

Most Intelligent



Priyanka & Shauna

Best Hair



Kristen Slater & Jason Mitchell

Most Spirited



Ronnie & Ashli Rose

Best Smile



Daniel Burkus & Kristin Warshaw

Best Dancer



Daniel Nikrin & Adam Morris

Senior Choice Awards

Best Personality



Erin and the King

Most Popular



Daniel and Kristin

Best Car



Technical Muzik and Christopher Simons

Most Talkative



Steven Lares II and Gina

Most Actively Involved



Robert and Thomas

Best Dressed



Shana Anthony and Dennis Howell

Most Musical



Nolan Buck and Heather Cooper

Cutest Couple



Alvin and Amy

Best Body



Michael and Kristin

Most Likely To Succeed



Brendan Schaffer and Kathryn Diehl

Senior Choice Awards

this is the year Seniors reign

THE SCOREBOARD

Tells
it ALL



The scoreboard displays a 33-22 senior victory over the faculty. This was the first victory for the students in the past three years. A combination of three pointers and fast breaks lead the students to a win.

Cheering for the student lead, the senior section jumps in excitement. Senior Darren Anderson said that the game was fun because "we knew we were going to win." After the seniors suffered a tough loss last year and the year before, this year they came out on top, scoring 33 points to the faculty's 22. Mr. James Stamper said that he was really excited for the senior victory because there is so much talent throughout the class.



With whipped cream, ice cream and chocolate syrup in his face, Mr. James Stamper takes part in the Senior/Faculty basketball game. "It was disgusting," said Stamper of the pie. "I actually broke two Q-tips trying to clean out my ears," said Mr. Stamper. Mr. Stamper became involved to help raise money for the Shriner's Children's Hospital. He said, "I'm always willing to give."



Worried looks come from Senior Coach Kyle Loudermilk's face as he watches the game. Loudermilk said that the hardest part of coaching was "refraining from running on the floor and telling the referee off when your game plan fails." He said, "It felt great to come in as an underdog and to totally clean house." Easy lay-ups and fast breaks were his strategies because "the teachers are too old to keep up."



Waiting for the game to begin, Senior Fabian Haro cheers on his teammates. Haro has been looking forward to this game since his freshman year. "I knew I wanted to participate since the first year I watched the game. This is the Class of '05," said Haro.



Excited to play against the teachers, Senior Darren Anderson watches his teammates practice. Anderson said, "The teachers were talking trash, so I wanted to beat them."

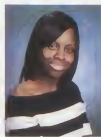
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Marissa Bankston



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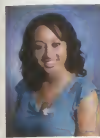
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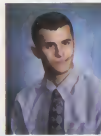
Danielle Nikrin



Kristy Polster



Brenden Schafer II



Thomas Slivka



Katie Spallaras



Nicole Steriovski

Michael Ray Finchum

*"Your childhood is gone now,
And I still miss those wonderful times,*

*But I am so proud of
The adult you have become.*

*I love you,
And whatever paths in life
You may choose to embrace,
My love will be with you . . .
and I will cherish you always."*

LOVE MOM



Michael Finchum

We're proud of you, Kristopher!



Kristopher Simonovski

*Best wishes
for a successful future.
Love,
Mom, Dad & your sister, Lindsay*

Congratulations,
Anesia



Anesia Brown

*"In all thy ways acknowledge
Him & He shall direct thy
ways."
From,
Nana*

Melissa



*May your dreams come true.
May your life be filled
with love and happiness.
You can do
anything through Jesus Christ.
Reach for the stars.
Love,
Dad and Mom*

Melissa Borom



Congratulations,
Amalia



Amalia Guzman

*We love you and
we are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Manny and Christina*

Congratulations,
Amanda



Amanda Brunn

*Best wishes for your bright future.
Love,
Mom, Jerry and Grandma*

Congratulations,
Matt



Matt Sopko

*Lots of Love, Luck
and Happiness
Love,
Aunt Margaret & Aunt Deb*

Congratulations, Priyu



*You did it, sweetie.
We are proud of you for everything
you are and everything
you will become.
We wish you continued happiness and
success in all of your future endeavors.*

*Thanks for all the great memories.
We are always here for you.*

*Love,
Mummy, Daddy & Ashi*

Priyanka Arshanapalli



Good Luck, Anesia

Put God first in your life.

*Always love and
believe in yourself
and the possibilities
are endless.*



Anesia Brown

*We wish you
a wonderful future
full of joy and
happiness.*

*Love,
Uncle Michael & Aunt Raenita*

We're proud of you, Alexandra



*You've given us so much to
be proud of, Alexandra!*

*We know there will be
many special times ahead*

for you.

Love,

*Mom, Dad, Annalise and
Family*

Alexandra Garritano



CONGRATULATIONS



"Go Purdue Girl!"

Kathryn Elizabeth Diehl

You did it!

*Not only did you succeed,
but you also made a difference.*

Your hard work paid off.

*We are very proud and happy
for you. Your future*

is as special as you are.

With all our love,

Mom, Dad, Nicholas & Baba

Kathryn Diehl



Congratulations to our princess, Erika P. Rouse

We love you dearly.

**We wish you much success
in the future.**

**We pray that God will forever
bless you. We love you.**

**Grandparents,
Joe and Cindy Cimesa**

Erika Rouse





Anesia Brown

*"Delight thyself
unto the Lord and
He will grant you
the desires
of your heart."*

*Love always,
Mom*

Congratulations,

To our beloved
grandaughter.



Elizabeth R. Hall

Good Luck in the future.
Love,
Grandma and
Grandpa Hall

**Congratulations,
De'Marces**



De'Marces Braziel

Life isn't about finding yourself.
Life is about creating yourself.
And you are on your way
to a great creation.
Love,
Dad & Mom

Dana,
You have accomplished what you set out
to do this senior year by setting goals.



Dana M. Bolden

*Continue to put God first
and then all things
will be possible
for you in the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad and your Sis*



Jen,
*To the world,
you are one person.
To us, you are the world.
Love you
always and forever,
Mom, Travis and Eve*

Jennifer Highsmith



You are the greatest, Anesia. We are proud of you.



*Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss,
you land among the stars.*

*We Love You.
Sister, Cousin Angel &
Cousin Michael*

Anesia Brown



Samantha Wright

*Samantha,
We are so proud of you!*

*Continue to dream and
you will succeed.*

*We love you, Squish.
Mom, Grandma,
Missy & Rachel*

Congratulations, Casey



Casey Sieb
We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Elizabeth,

*Once you had the world
on a string.
Now it is in your hands.
You've made us all
so proud!*

*Love,
Mom, Ross and Baba*

Elizabeth R. Hall





Forever Young
We Love You.
Mom & Dad

Brandon Kyle Loudermilk

Adriana, Congratulations.
We're proud of you!



Adriana Colon

Dream your dreams.
Love,
Mom & Dad

To our beautiful daughter, Laura



*Go light up the
world with that
beautiful smile.*

*We're so very
proud of you!*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Laura Heidler



Scott,

*Be bold and
go forth like it
was meant to be.*

*Your dreams
are the gifts
that will set you free.*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*



Scott Santelik

Joia



Joia Dayne Warner

You are truly the "joy" of my life.
Congratulations and
love throughout your future.
Love always,
Mom

We are so proud of you,
Princess.



Jennifer Highsmith

We love you too much!
Love,
Dad, Kerry Jr. & Jackie

Way to go, Rebziz!

We are so very proud of you.

*Love,
Mom,
Dad
&
Kevin*



Rebecca Kohler



*Anesia,
Your future is bright.*



Anesia Brown

*May you
continue to shine.
Love,
Your Dad & Brother*

**Congratulations,
Justin**



Justin Little

*You're the best.
We love you too much!
Love,
Mom & Mike*

Congratulations, "JJ"

*We are so proud of you.
Continue to set your goals
and
stay focused for your future.
Love,
Mom, Dad & John*



Johnyce Goosby





*Behind you, all your memories.
Before you, all your dreams.
Good luck at I.U.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Tiffany,
Tori & "Ryan"*

Tricia Lakatos



*Erin,
You've made us so proud.
Congratulations and
best of luck at Purdue!
Love you sooo much.
Mom, Laura, Erik, Dad,
Grandma & Poppa,
Great Aunt Loretta,
Aunt Connie, Mike and Mat*

Erin Knight



Elizabeth,
You are my angel and a shining
example for your brother.



Elizabeth Hall

*Best wishes
for a successful future.
Love,
Dad and William*

**Congratulations,
Mijo**



David Cuadra
We're proud
of your accomplishments.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Carlos

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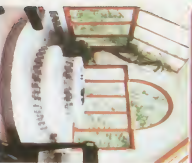
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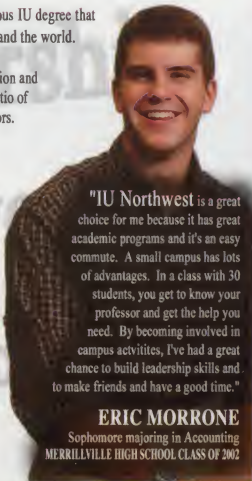
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Behind the Scenes

Colophon

As a registered member of Quill and Scroll, Columbia Scholastic Press Association and Indiana High School Press Association, Merrillville High School produced Volume 80 of the *Merrillvue*. The theme for Volume 80 of the *Merrillvue* is "Individuality." The fourth hour yearbook staff, led by co-editors, Priyanka Arshanapalli, Brittany Hamlin and Elaina Gemelas, created the book, along with adviser, Mrs. Teresa Procter.

The price for the 2005 *Merrillvue* was \$35 from the beginning of the school year until November 24, 2004. From November 29, 2004, until December 17, 2004, the price increased to \$40. The price increased to \$45 from January 3, 2005, to March 24, 2005. The last day to purchase a 2005 yearbook was March 24, 2005. Any students who wanted the books mailed to their homes paid an additional \$5.

Mrs. Valerie T. Tanke is the sales representative from Walsworth Publishing Company, the publisher of the *Merrillvue*.

The staff used Adobe Pagemaker, Adobe Photoshop and Microsoft Word to produce the yearbook. The staff used the following fonts: Little Squirt Bold for the cover, captions and folio; Oblique for the headlines on the title page, opening and closing sections; Clarence in Pastimes; Cameron Bold in Defeats and Conquests; Yellow Jacket in Lights, Camera, Action; Mestermind

Bold in *Getting the Grade*; Iron Maiden Bold Oblique in *Common Interests*; Yellow Jacket Outline in *Snapshots*; One Child in *Seniors*; and Optima on the title page, *Snapshots*, *Hit List*, opening and closing sections.

Business advertisements were sold at five different prices and sizes: a full page was \$300, a half page was \$200, a quarter page was \$125, a business card was \$75 and patrons were \$50. Senior advertisements were sold at five different prices and sizes: size A was \$275, size B was \$175, size C was \$90, size D was \$70 and size E was \$55.

Lifetouch Prestige Portraits took underclass and faculty photographs. John Bir and his staff at John Gales Photographers took photos for divider pages, *Pastimes*, *Defeats and Conquests*, *Lights, Camera, Action*, *Getting the Grade*, *Common Interests* and *Seniors*. Photo Editors Erin Knight and Sean Kinsey also contributed to the photo collection.

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To everyone in the Merrillville community, we greatly appreciate your support in our quest to create an original memory book.

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With much gratitude,
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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office of National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 85 and over has increased by 0.5 million in the same period.

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for ageing, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people are able to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people are able to access the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are able to participate in the life of their communities.

The strategy is based on the following assumptions: (1) that older people are a diverse group with different needs and interests; (2) that older people are able to live independently and actively; (3) that older people are able to access the services and support they need; and (4) that older people are able to participate in the life of their communities. The strategy is based on the following principles: (1) to ensure that older people are able to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people are able to access the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are able to participate in the life of their communities.

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The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It then presents a literature review of the existing research on the topic. The methodology section describes the research design and the data collection process. The results section presents the findings of the study, and the conclusion section summarizes the main findings and provides recommendations for future research.

The study was conducted in a laboratory setting. The participants were recruited from a local university and were assigned to two groups: the experimental group and the control group. The experimental group received the intervention, while the control group did not. The data were collected over a period of six weeks. The results of the study show that the intervention had a significant positive effect on the outcome variable. The conclusion of the study is that the intervention is effective in improving the outcome variable. The authors recommend that the intervention be implemented in a wider context.

The study was limited by the sample size and the duration of the study. Future research should aim to address these limitations by conducting a larger study with a longer duration. The authors also acknowledge that the study was conducted in a laboratory setting, which may not fully represent the real-world context. Therefore, the results of the study should be interpreted with caution.

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